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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. H. G.—1. Bob Fitzsimmons had four contests last year, and was successful in all. 2. No.

C. Taylor.—J. Scholes, the amateur, has retired.

S. Adams.—W. Perkins walked twenty miles in 2hr 39min 37sec.

W. H. Cook.—Terry McGovern won in the first round.

A. L. F.—The proceeds go to a charitable institution.

T. Smith.—Blair Athol was sold 12,500gs.

G. Burles.—At 8st 4lb they went the full distance, 20rds.

D. N.—Yes; the club is still in existence.

S. E. Doyle.—1. The referee is called upon only when the judges disagree. 2. In the case you mention they did not.

F. Bradfield.—1. Six ounce gloves were used. 2. Yes.

A. Kennett.—Contests for endurance are not allowed; 15rds of 3min or 20rds of 2min.

J. Ladlow.—He was disqualified.

E. Bayliss.—No charge whatever.

B. H.—1. Conqueror in harness covered 100 miles in 8hr 55min 53sec. 2. In America.

C. Hall (Greyfield).—1. The professional record for a mile is 4min 12¼sec. 2. W. G. George at Lillie Bridge, August 23, 1886.

T. Deighton.—1. He beat him twice in October, 1898. 2. Two miles level.

W. W.—1. Arthur Lock was born in South Wales. 2. Not in Camberwell.

H. White (New Kent Road).—Try the Lynn Boxing Club, whose headquarters are situated at the back of Tarn's, near the Elephant and Castle. If you wish for an instructor to visit you at home write A. J. Newton, 56, Barnsbury Road, N.

S. J. Baker (Taunton).—1. John Marx, now performing at Aberdeen, comes first for strength. Sandow was beaten by Samson (Bros. McCann), Samson and Hercules. Louis Cyr, the Canadian, has the record. Sandow is, to our thinking, more an Apollo than a Hercules. 2. A hard muscle would be the best.

W. W. (Cape Town).—Thanks for communication. If it is a case of *con amore* send on.

Ned White (Edinburgh).—Report received too late for publication.

C. Rust (Liverpool).—John L. Sullivan was champion of America, not of the world.

J. Taylor (Tilbury Docks).—Report received too late for publication.

Bessie (Tylerstown).—Write to Ward, Lock, and Co., Fleet Street, London, for a book on coursing, 6d or 1s.

C. Cowell.—1. The referee's name is Wyatt Earp. 2. Not so considered.

T. Weeks.—1. The decision is given on points. 2. Ten seconds is the full allotted time.

J. S. M.—1. If the rules state a limit no further round could be ordered. 2. In competition.

T. C.—If won three times it becomes the absolute property of the winner.

H H. The contests held at the club you mention are not for endurance, but strictly to a limited number of rounds.

M. J. Coll.—1. With 6oz gloves. 2. Three minutes a round.

W. Fowler.—The number is out of print.

C. A. Finch.—He was disqualified in the tenth round.

Charles Acford.—We believe he was about four years old.

G. Morris.—You are a bit mixed; make your question more intelligible.

(*Several Answers crowded out*).

BENNY JORDAN TO BECOME A BENEDICT.

JACK FRASER'S CHALLENGE IGNORED.

THE FATE OF PUGILISTS WHO HAVE BECOME BENEDICTS.

JACK ROBERTS TAKES UP JACK FRASER'S DEFI.

"PEDLAR" PALMER AND SAM BLAKELOCK AT BRIGHTON.

HARRY HARRIS AND SAMMY KELLY AT KINGSWINFORD.

A short time since a notice appeared in a sporting daily, "Married on Sunday at the Church of All Angels', Mile End, Jack H. to Norah S." Jack's honeymoon was of the shortest possible description, for, just as we imagined Jack had given himself up to the joys of Hymen, we found this boxer within a day of the nuptial ceremony engaged in a sparring encounter in the provinces. Evidently Jack did not let pleasure interfere with business. Now, if appearances are anything, and if form has to be discounted, Ben Jordan had such a chance of picking up £200 as is rarely offered from one man to another, and the reason given for treating this bit of good fortune with a certain amount of contempt is that Ben is *about* to be married early in March. "Careful Benny Jordan" will not have to leave the marital bed to earn boxing prizes to keep the pot a-boilin', for rumour has it that Benny has invested his money in bricks and mortar, and when he weds he will retire from the ring. By the bye, why are women like pugilists? Because their fingers are always itching to enter the ring and they are a match for any man twice their size. When a man marries, as a rule his wife, providing the circumstances are comfortable, is not very desirous of her husband entering into fistic engagements. There was Harry Fryer, of Nottingham, a prominent Nottingham heavy-weight amateur boxer, who sadly wanted to fight Jem Smith for the championship, and could have found good backing, but petticoat government prevailed, and Harry had to live a life of inglorious ease looking after the boozer and its takings, and whether Harry took any himself we know not, but Fryer died a year or two since in his early prime. The longest record or pride of place in "Fistiana" is taken by Harry Jones, the Sailor Boy, who met the cream of the Fancy, including such top sawyers as Young Dutch Sam, Barney Aaron, Gipsey Cooper, Perkins, the Oxford Pet, and Ned Stockman four times. Such a lover of fighting was Harry Jones (the breed has long since departed) that on the morning of his wedding he went out and met his old opponent, Ned Stockman, for the fourth time, and, what is more, defeated the incorrigible Ned. When Young Dutch Sam married, his wife made it a sine qua non that he should give up pugilism, and help her in the management of the Old Drury Tavern at the corner of Vinegar Yard, Drury Lane, and close to the famous oyster shop where there was to be heard a whistling bivalve, on account of which the house was called the Whistling Oyster. The same fate overtook Young Dutch Sam as followed most sporting publicans of a previous generation. Sam had not been long proprietor of the Old Drury Tavern than he paid in his checks, dying of decline November 4, 1843, having been born at Rag Fair, June 30, 1801. We should think the most unfortunate matrimonial venture was that of Hen Pearce, the "Game Chicken." Now Hen is not a corruption of Henry, but the diminutive by which Pearce was christened. Thus *Hen* was converted into "Chicken," and "Chicken" into "Game Chicken." Now Hen Pearce, physically and scientifically, was the grandest pugilist who ever won and wore the proud title of champion of England by his defeats of such pugilistic heroes as John Gully and Jem Belcher. Finding no one to oppose him, Pearce married the prettiest girl in his native city (Bristol), where he settled down as a publican. Woman's vanity and man's perfidy accomplished the ruin of poor Pearce, and he died early of a broken heart, but not until he had beaten the squire—his wife's seducer—into a jellified mass. Pearce was born at Bristol in 1777, and died April 3, 1809, at the early age of thirty-two. If seven is a lucky number they ran counter in the year poor Pearce was born.

When Jack Roberts called up to The Mirror of Life after his defeat of Will Curley he informed us that he should not box again, and wished to retire as the 9st champion. We suppose no man likes to rest upon his laurels when the shekels are about and there is a chance of gathering them. So Jack Roberts has bit eagerly at the bait thrown but by that other Jack—Fraser—and has taken up the challenge thrown out to Ben Jordan. Whether the form shown at the N.S.C. was Fraser's very best we know not, but Jack has been making things very sultry for any boxer about his weight out Liverpool way. A match between Jack Roberts and Jack Fraser would be almost as interesting as a match between Fraser and Ben Jordan. Roberts is a kind of Jack the giant-killer, his defeats of Jem Barry, Frank Gess, Nat Smith and Will Curley rendering him quite as formidable an opponent as Ben Jordan. There is a singular fact in connection with Jack Roberts that there is not with most other boxers. All Jack's recent opponents speak with marked respect as to Jack's ability. They do not impute their defeats to any of the many causes frequently made use of by a defeated boxer; but acknowledge that they have met a better man. On Monday Roberts covered Fraser's half-century, and the match is *un fait accompli*.

"Don't you believe it," said "Peddy," otherwise Tom ("Pedlar") Palmer the other day at Brighton, when a remark was made concerning his constitution. "I know I was young and enthusiastic when I fought Billy Plimmer, and for a nineteen-year-old kid I think I was as good as they make 'em, but I knew nothing then compared to what I do now. Lord love yer, if anybody had said then 'Do this,' I was green enough to do it, but I ain't now. Wot's the use of growing older if you don't grow wiser, and wot's the use of getting heavier if yer don't get stronger? Why, 'ere's Sammy Blakelock, Whitelock I calls him, for Sammy is getting grey. Why he's nearly the height of Harry Harris, and I can 'it him where I likes. And Sammy was a good man in his day, wern't you, Sammy?" "Get on yer things, and don't have so much jaw," said Samuel, as the "Box of Tricks," fresh from his bath, wanted to have "first punch on the nose with Sammy for a bob." "You know, Sam, this 'ere Harris can't do the weight and be strong. (Palmer had just had his dinner and his half-pint of old.) This is how I shall serve 'im (sparring up to Sam). I shall play for his wind and his short ribs, and then when he drops his hands I shall cop him like that." Here Sam got such a slock-dolliger in the mouth that he cried out, "Cheese it, 'Peddy'; my wife's coming down here, and if you go on like that I shan't be able to kiss her. My lips are sore now." Thus does the versatile Palmer improve the shining hour and beguile the weary time of training by the sad sea waves at Brighton. Palmer strolled down to the beach the other day, and the fishermen had emptied their nets of some small Brighton mackerel. "Lord love a duck," said "Peddy," "but I thought there was some live gold and silver on the ground. I was just going to call out 'halves' to Sammy when Sam says 'What do you mean by "halves"; why, they're kippers.' Well, I laid Sam that they were sardines, the fisherman to be the referee. 'Why,' said the fishermen, 'you're both wrong; they're young cock salmon.' The plaice you get down here (said "Peddy") ain't like those you get at the fried fish shop down our way at Poplar. There's no chloride of lime about these. They're reeming, I can tell yer. Wot's on for supper to-night, Sam?" "Why, a big Dover sole," said the trainer—and that is how "Peddy" and his trainer now fare at Brighton.

Harry Harris, in company with his friend, Sammy Kelly, is getting strong and well at the Cross Inn, Kingswinford, under the watchful eye of the host, Tom Oxberry. The muscles stand out on Harris's shoulders like bunches of grapes. The American is very confident, and as he is said to be the best boy in the States at his weight his confidence is not misplaced. Harris is as different in every way to Palmer as chalk is to cheese. While Palmer is as pert as a London cock sparrow, Harris is as quiet and sedate as a parson, and while Palmer thinks he is rather above the middle height than below it, Harris does not think he is out of the way tall; but the difference will be seen when the boxers take the ring.

Sammy Kelly, like the lady who admitted she was no beauty but she had a d—— fine figure, is not a champion scientist, but he is a stayer, and if Sammy does not come to grief in the early portion of the contest he is very likely to have a good winning chance at the finish. In fact, staying is Kelly's great forte, and the American will have to be knocked out or punched out before Will Curley can handle the top end of the purse

As we surmised, the contest between O'Brien and Smith was of very short duration, four rounds sufficing to put paid to the account of Harry Smith. There is a margin which divides the American boxer from the English which is as wide as the poles. We should now like to see O'Brien matched with Hull's big 'un, Ben Taylor, or with the other champion, Jack Scales. As Jack O'Brien has signified his intention to make England his home and Newcastle his abiding place, no doubt we shall hear of his making one or other of the above matches in the near future.

JOHNNY THOMAS, OF LEATHER LANE.

Who Met "Sailor" Richardson at the National Sporting Club, Monday Evening, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

Johnny Thomas was born August 11, 1876, and started boxing at the age of nineteen, and won several amateur competitions. Beat Geo. Cooper, 10 and 6rds; Bill Hood, 6rds; Ted Goodson, 6rds; Tim Sullivan, 6rds; Alf Leeper, 3rds; Ted Gorrie, 3 and 5rds; Tom Rutt, 1rd; Bill Springhall, 1rd; T. Smith, 2rds; "Nimble" White, 2rds; Bob Gilroy, 2rds; beaten by Geo. Slark, 20rds; defeated twice by Harry Ware, 8 and 15rds; beat Matt Palmer, 3rds; defeated by Jack Walker, 3rds; fought George Slark, draw, 11rds; draw with Harry Ashley, 12rds; draw with Harry Paul, small gloves, 20rds. Beaten by Bill Fielder, 15rds; Bill Lampshire, 15rds; beat Joe Barrett, 13rds; beaten by Jem Williams, 9rds; met "Sailor" Richardson at the N.S.C. February 25, and defeated him in 6rds.

ALF LEEPER,

Who Met "Jumbo" King at the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

Alf Leeper is twenty-one years of age and has met with varying success the following lads:—Beat Tom Davis, 1rd; George Sargent, 5rds; Albert Sunnicks, 5rds; Bill Bragg, 5rds; lost to Jack Davis, 3rds; beat Jack Cork, 3rds; Fred Fairchild (twice), 8rds; lost to Bert Adams, 6rds; Johnny Thomas (Leather Lane), 3rds; Bill Pike, 4rds; beat Fred Read (Southwark), 4rds; beat Jem Sweeney, 6rds; draw with Jem Sweeney, 7rds; lost to Jem Sweeney, 6rds; draw with "Ginger" Elliott, 7rds; lost to Joe Barrett, of Clerkenwell (twice), 6rds and 1rd; Jem Thomas (Cardiff), 8rds, Drill Hall, Woolwich; beat Jem Thomas (Cardiff), 2rds, at the N.G.C.; beat Jack Jones (twice), 8rds and 4rds; lost to Nat Keyser 11rds and 7rds, at the Wonderland; beat Frank Hill, 1rd, at the N.G.C.; Jack Hennessey (Mile End), 4rds, Drill Hall, Woolwich; George Teak, 17rds, knuckles; Albert Littlefield (Deptford), 8rds; "Jumbo" King, 10rds; lost to Jem Sweeney, 8rds; met "Jumbo" King, at the Tee-To-Tum Club, February 25, and won in 10rds.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

Among the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Charley Ford (Bleeding Heart).
Harry Day (canine fancier).
Corporal Fairclough.
Sam Shelton (Old Sam), of the Harrow, Bloomfield and Hoxton.
"Ginger" Mallett.
George Matthews.
Billy Gordon (coloured).
Stoker Henderson (Pembroke).
Stoker George Cox (Northumberland).
Professor A. J. Newton.
George Cunningham.
Charley Pendley.
A. Spooner.
J. T. Hulls, jun.
Bill Lewis.
Mrs. J. Fallick.
"Pop" (boxing caterer).
Mr. Davies.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
NEW YORK, February 16, 1901.

THE EDITOR MIRROR OF LIFE, London.

CHARLES MITCHELL, "boxing champion" of England, who fought a thirty-nine rounds draw with John L. Sullivan at Chantilly, France, thirteen years ago, and who was knocked out in a punch by James J. Corbett in 1894, arrived here on the steamer Majestic. Though the Englishman is in good health, he is what might be termed "hog fat." He weighs nearly 200lb, and would probably have as much difficulty in preparing himself properly for a mill as Sullivan had when he trained for his mill with Corbett more than eight years ago. Mitchell was a back number when Corbett whipped him so easily at Jacksonville, yet when he came down the Majestic's gang-plank he said he might indulge in a mill while in this country, preferably with Corbett. If Mitchell means what he says, sporting men all over the country will probably declare that he lacks sound judgment, for though Corbett has seen his best days, he is still fast and clever enough to make Mitchell look very small indeed. But Mitchell always enjoyed a joke, especially at the expense of the American public, so that when he said he would perhaps fight again, it was not at all surprisng to see a twinkle in his eyes. It is 100 to 1 shot that Mitchell has no idea of fighting anybody again, and that he has simply come over here to have a good time. He is one of the richest pugilists in the world, and can afford to spend a "barrel of money" over here instead of picking one up. He intends to visit California to see some relatives, and may see a couple of mills while there. The Englishman was sorry to learn that the big fight at Cincinnati had been stopped, though he said he was not interested in it, because of the great superiority of Jeffries over Ruhlin. He was asked many questions about different American heavy-weights, the most wonderful of whom is Fitzsimmons, in his estimation, because of Robert's great hitting-power, and comparative light weight. Mitchell late in the afternoon paid a visit to John L. Sullivan's café, and the former rivals shook hands cordially. "It's a case of two old has-beens, Charley," said the big fellow. "We had the front of the stage once, but the youngsters have the call now." They had a drink together. Mitchell later called on Corbett, and had a friendly talk. There was no ill-feeling between them, apparently.

W. A. Brady left for New York at 5.30 o'clock last evening. If any better evidence is wanted that the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight, scheduled for Saengersfest Hall, is off, it is found in the fact that the big building is closed. At noon members of the Saengerfest A.C. met Brady at the Atlas National Bank, and paid over to him the $5,000 forfeit which was posted to secure the meeting of the big fellows. Brady tendered the services of Jeffries and his theatrical company, who play an engagement here the coming week, for a performance for the benefit of the Saengerfest managers at Music Hall, and subscribed $100 for a gallery ticket for himself and Jeffries. Tickets for the affair are also to be sold at auction on 'change. The Saengerfest Club announced to-night that, "The Jeffries-Ruhlin contest having been abandoned," money received from the sale of seats would be returned to would-be patrons, commencing next Tuesday. Jeffries and Ruhlin have received an offer from Chicago to wrestle there, which Managers Brady and Madden are considering.

At Painesville, O., C. A. Sweet, a hack driver with a wooden leg, punched the nose of Bob Fitzsimmons, prize-fighter and actor. Sweet is small, but he escaped from the encounter unhurt. Fitzsimmons was about to leave Ashtabula after a one-night stand of the "Honest Blacksmith." Sweet had driven him to the station, and had demanded 50 cents fare. Fitzsimmons thought the charge exorbitant; he declared 25 cents was enough. "You peg-leg lobster," he said, "do you think you can play me?" At last the pair compromised on 35 cents. Sweet pocketed the money, and climbed back on to his hack. As he did so he characterised Fitzsimmons in terms far from complimentary. Fitz made a grab for Sweet's leg. Sweet turned, swung his right straight from the shoulder on the fighter's nose, and lashed his horse into a run.

The twenty rounds bout between the ex-champion, George Dixon, and Harry Lyons, of Chicago, at the Eureka Athletic Club, Baltimore, last night, terminated in a draw. Lyons was at least 8lb heavier than Dixon, but was unable to gain the decision from his opponent. Dixon, at the start, showed that he was the cleverer man of the two. For eight rounds he had by far the best of the bout, but after that Lyons's superior weight began to tell, and, had it not been for the ex-champion's cleverness, matters may have gone hard with him. George's left eye was the only part that showed any ill effects of the battle.

Despite Gov. Dietrich's announcement that the Oscar Gardner-Haich Smith fight would not be permitted to occur in Nebraska it was pulled off according to schedule near here. The Sheriffs of both Madison and Antelope Counties had been notified that it would be held on the dividing line. There were about 300 people present. The fighters, seconds, ring officials, and spectators left Norfolk last night at 9 o'clock on a special train, and arrived at Tidden a few minutes later. The ring was pitched in a tent. There was no interference, and the crowd was orderly. Gardner had decidedly the best of it, but the bout was declared a draw.

The fight between Joe Gans and Jack Daly, of Wilmington, at Baltimore, had the zephyr hue attached to it that the off contests in which the coloured boy of the Hertford stable had followed up within the last six months. The contest was stopped to-night in the sixth round by the referee and awarded to Gans. Daly was accused of holding and hitting in clinches. Up to that time Daly was holding his own.

John Lawrence Scholes, of Toronto, Ontario, who is the best amateur boxer Canada ever produced, has announced his retirement from public boxing competition. He has no intention of becoming a professional, and, having won all possible honours as an amateur, retires from the field.

[Some victories are worse than defeats, and we think the verdict given to Scholes over the Goldsmith Institute man one of the many disgraceful verdicts which takes place annually at the amateur championships.—ED.].

George Raper, who has not been in this country since he judged at the Westminster Kennel Club show two years ago, was an arrival on the Majestic yesterday. He brought with him six dogs, among them being the smooth-coated fox terrier Holly Bush, that has had considerable success at the English shows, and she will be benched at the Westminster show next week, together with Raper's wire-coated fox terriers that arrived a fortnight ago: Humbersome Bristles, Raby Matchbox, Richmond Patchwork, and Richmond Firefly. Among the others that arrived with Raper was the collie bitch Old Victoria Hall, collie dog Ormskirk Eclipse, and the great English setter Barton Tory, the best dog in his class in England. Raper has sold the latter to the Van Croft Kennels at Pittsburg. The collies that came over with Raper have been sold to the Newton Abbot Kennels of Philadelphia, and will be shown by the new purchasers at the coming show. After leaving the Majestic Raper started for Philadelphia to see his other dogs that arrived a fortnight ago. Raper is the greatest globe trotter of all the dogwise folks. He has judged in Belgium, France, and Russia, besides going on the show circuits in Great Britain as judge or exhibitor since his last trip here. He will go back to England after the Westminster show, but he will make a flying visit to the country again in May, when he will go to the Pacific coast to judge at the San Francisco Dog Show. On the Atlantic transport liner Menominee, which also arrived yesterday, was G. C. Hopton, former secretary of the American Bulldog Club, who returns after an absence of a few years abroad. He brings back with him Champion L'Ambassador, that has had great success in the bench shows on the other side.

J. H. Mullins, owner of the noted Bridge Kennels of bulldogs, lost by death on Thursday night the imported dog King Crib, valued at $1,500, and the winner of many prizes. Within a few months of his importation, Richard Croker, Jun., lost his $2,500 bulldog Bromley Crib, and the death of King Crib so soon after is a blow to admirers of the Crib strain in the breed. Usually the bulldog is very tenacious of life, and King Orry, Handsome Dan, the Yale Mascot, and other old dogs have made friends with thousands of successive shows. "Hard to breed but long to last," is what old fanciers say of the bulldog.

At the sixty-first annual race meeting of the Montreal Snowshoe Club, Albert E Pilkie, of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, in competition made a mark of 1:20 flat for 880 yards skating, lowering the world's amateur record by 2-5ths of a second made here in 1897 by Neilson.

THE TATTLER.

BOB HUTT, WHO MADE SUCH A success in the Surrey pantomime, is scoring at the Royal.

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AND THOSE INTENDING TO MARRY
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DR. LEYDS, THE FASTING MAN, ON VIEW.

As He Appeared on the Twelfth Day of Self-Imposed Contest.

(Subject of Illustration.)

DR. LEYDS, the fasting man of Hungary, is now undergoing a self-imposed task of abstaining from all foods for sixty days, which he expects to accomplish with ease. Twelve days of his allotted time have already expired, and he at present has only lost about five pounds in weight, and his health is as good as usual. He is closely watched by independent persons throughout the day and night, so that no nourishment of any kind can be conveyed to him, and he appears to cheerfully undergo the restraint, speaking but little, his time being taken up solely by reading.

A GIRL SHOOTS HER FATHER'S ENEMY.

A Family Dispute that Ended in Murder.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A LONG feud had existed between the families of Dan Jansen and Otto Reims, which culminated in the death of the younger of the Jansen family. Each member threatened to shoot at sight the family of the other, and were always armed. The daughter of Otto Reims, a girl of twenty-two years, met Carl Jansen close to her home, but the man did not consider her dangerous or try to avoid her; but when her father appeared there looked to be trouble, so the girl drew a pistol and shot Carl through the neck. He staggered and fell, mortally wounded. No steps have been taken to arrest the girl.

LYNCHING TWO OF THE MURDER GANG.

Captured after a Struggle, They are Hung Side by Side.

(Subject of Illustration.)

FOR some time a man and his wife who lived in Arkansas, U.S.A., have been suspected of many robberies from travellers who stayed under their roof, and lately two bodies partially decomposed were found beneath the flooring of the kitchen, and they have since been proved to be the authors of another murder. In fact, wherever they lived travellers who have stayed under their roof have been missed and never since been heard of. Suspicion was so strong, and the evidence so conclusive, that the people did not wait for the law to intervene, but, taking the pair out in the open, swung them into eternity from the limb of a tree, side by side.

SERIOUS TERMINATION TO A MILITARY BALLET.

A Stage Spectacle Marred by a Shooting Catastrophe.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE ballet was concluding in a blaze of musketry, and the brilliant costumes on the stage with the smoke of battle between the French and Austrian troops appeared realistic, when one of those engaged was seen to fall and place his hand over his heart. At once it was concluded that something serious had happened, and such it proved to be. The cartridges used were harmless, but one evidently had been overcharged, for a dreadful wound was discovered when the curtain was rung down and the injured super was carried to the dressing-room. The girl who fired the unfortunate shot is under arrest, and the matter will be strictly investigated.

OUR LETTER BOX.

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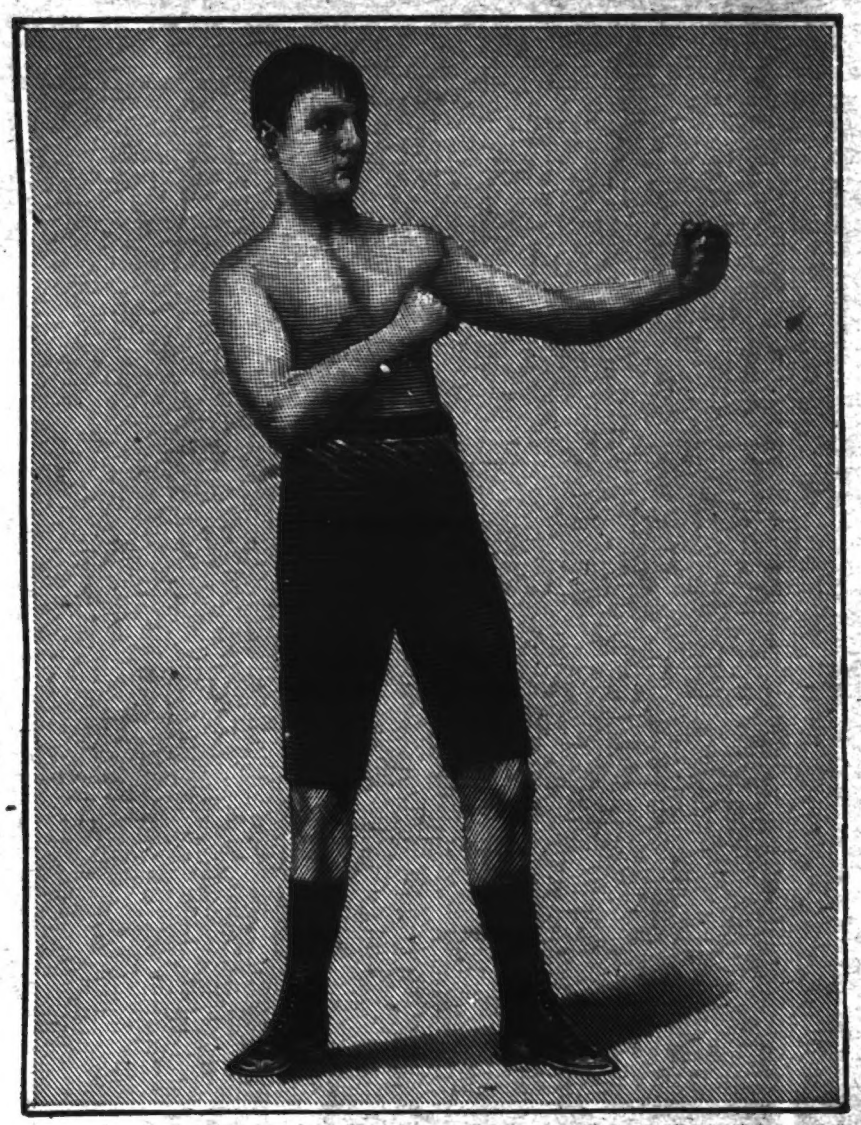
Jack O'Brien (Joseph Hagan) (two).

LOST AND FOUND.

"I CALLED in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. 'It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. he thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so!" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr. Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]



JOE BARRETT,
Of Clerkenwell, who Met Con Barratt at the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, Monday Evening, February 25.

ALF LEEPER,
Who Met "Jumbo" King at the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, February 25.

DR. LEYDS, THE FASTING MAN, ON VIEW.
As he Appeared on the Twelfth Day of Self-imposed Contest.

CAPTURED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.
Secured Easily in the Coal Hole.

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CRITICISED THE LADY'S COSTUME.

His Wife's Costume he Declared Did Not Fit.

JACK CARKEEK AT CAMBERWELL.

LAST WEEK THE CHAMPION wrestler of the world, Jack Carkeek, was taking on all comers at the Camberwell Palace of Varieties, and in addition a capital company was to be seen and heard. Charles Deane, the famous topical vocalist, went great guns with "One Wife's Enough for a Man" and "The Wibley Wobley Walk." Athas and Collins scored well with their sing ng and dancing, and nightly found favour with the audience. Lucy Weston added to her fame with a pious ditty and a taking melody, "Beautiful Rose," if this was possible. The Salambos also proved themselves veritable fire-eaters, and played with fire and electricity in a marvellous manner. The wrestling was placed last upon the programme, and night after night many of the same faces were to be seen in front. During the week the representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, Mr. R. Josephs, acted as referee, with the courteous manager, Teddy Giles (who gained fame and renown at the Tivoli), officiating as timekeeper and referee. On Monday Mr. Williams, of Blackheath, was in front, and, as his friends challenged Carkeek to a bout for him, the American champion told him to get ready, but after a hard bout he was thrown before the fifteen minutes expired. He had another try on Tuesday evening as the advertised opponent, Joe Carroll, was absent, and his friends made him have another try for the £10. Round after round of applause greeted his gallant stand, but before the full time had expired he was thrown and the American kept his money. Wednesday saw the famous Birmingham wrestler, Fred Riggs, come to London to meet Carkeek. Though lighter than the champion, he withstood all his efforts to throw him, the style being catch-as-catch-can, and though he was dead-beat, managed to last the time and get the "spondulex." He had another go for "the tenner" the next night in the Greco-Roman mode, but though putting up a grand bout, was feeling the effects of the previous evening, and sustained a defeat a couple of minutes before they half reached the limit. The difference between a wrestler and a strong man was seen on Friday evening, when Mr. E. Vincent, a member of the Cestus Boxing Club, had a go, but being an amateur the conditions were that he was to have, if successful, a silver trophy of the stipulated value. He was a baby in the hands of the gentle Carkeek, who, treating him as a child, laid him gently on the mat time after time. Though he went between 13st and 14st, the Yankee good-naturedly let him last till about 8½min had gone by, and then without the slightest effort laid him out. This affected the two amateurs who had sent their names in for the last night, and they were non est when the roll was called. The manager made special terms with Mr. Williams, the local favourite—viz., ten shillings a minute for every one he lasted over six in the Greco-Roman style. It was indeed a magnificent bout, and after contesting for 10min 50sec the American succeeded in administering the coup de grace.

THE WATERLOO CUP. — THIS year's contest for the "blue riband of the leash" started with a note of success that was sustained all through. Fears that, after all, the weather might interfere with the smooth course of the proceedings were happily not realised, and the company present, though not so large as on some previous anniversaries, reached the average. Regarded as a somewhat open affair, Fearless Footsteps, the ultimate winner, was nevertheless a good second favourite on the night of the draw, and went through the stake in fine style. The uncertainty of the sport was exemplified by a rank outsider running up, for Cleughbrae, who went to slips for the final, stood at 1,000 to 8 on Tuesday night. Fearless Footsteps has thus won two years in succession, and has rivalled the feats of Coomassie and Miss Glendyne, of whom the first named was successful in 1877 and 1878, while Miss Glendyne divided with Bit of Fashion in 1885, and won outright in 1886.

COURSING. — JOHN JONES, OF Garnant, is willing to match his dog to run eleven out of twenty-one rabbits, from £5 to £10 a-side, or more, in a certain place at Garnant, near Morriston. An answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will oblige.

A FAMOUS SPORTSMAN MAKES A Famous Soldier.—The officer in charge of the twenty-three troopers who so stubbornly resisted and finally repelled the Boer attack at Hamelfontein was W. A. L. Fletcher, the famous Oxford stroke, who rowed in the four successive Oxford victories of 1890-1-2-3. Since leaving Oxford Mr. Fletcher has explored in Thibet, and coached the winning Cambridge crew of 1899. He also won the pairs in 1892, the Silver Goblets in 1892-93, the Grand Challenge 1891-2-3, and many other classic races. He volunteered last year for service in South Africa, where he has the rank of Lieutenant.

DEATH OF A CHAMPION CANINE Fancier.—A prominent figure in the canine world has passed away in the person of Mr. Sydney William Smith, whose death took place at his residence in Leeds on Thursday. The deceased gentleman was a well-known breeder and judge of St. Bernards, and among other champions of this particular fancy breed, Plinlimmon, a dog which realised the record price of 1,000gs, and was subsequently consigned to America.

PEDESTRIANISM.—GEORGE Cousins, of Bloomsbury, and W. Banks, of Chislehurst, last Wednesday ran a quarter of a mile for a tenner. The men ran at Chislehurst in the presence of about 600 spectators. Betting ruled at 2 to 1 on Cousins, who was a strong favourite. Cousins justified the odds by making all the running and winning by 7½yd in the good time of 59 4-5sec.

BOAT RACING. — JAMES WRAY, the Australian oarsman, has now settled down as rowing instructor at Harvard College. He has sent to this country word of a very fine sculler named Mr. Grees, who intends to row Ten Eyck for the amateur championship in the summer, so that it would appear as though the stories of the intention of the latter to turn professional were inaccurate.

FINAL HEAT OF THE LONDON Press Club Handicap.—The final heat of the London Press Billiard Handicap was played on Saturday afternoon, and resulted, after a very close struggle, in the victory of Mr. J. A. R. Warland. Press Club (receives 100), who beat another well-known sporting journalist, Mr. W. J. Innes, *News of the World* (receives 155), by twelve points. The heats were 300 up.

DEATH OF A CROSS-COUNTRY Champion.—The death is announced of Mr. J. B. Foreman, of the South London Harriers, who (like his club) won the very first of all the cross-country championships of the Southern Counties, at Hendon in 1884. The cause of death was pneumonia.

SMOKER AT THE FOX. — MANY a time has our representative visited the Fox, in Russell Street, but never was there a better or more select company than attended last Tuesday. No more congenial passing of an evening could be found than listening to some of our favourite music-hall artistes, as well as amateurs who could almost get to the top rung of the ladder of fame. Jolly Tom Lloyd took the chair, and when the music had begun was as witty as ever, his sayings tickling the audience and causing roars of laughter. The artistes were, as usual, first-class, and regret was felt when, just before the witching hour, the strains of "God Save the King" brought the finale. Among those that deserve especial mention were Fred Wilson, "The French Waiter," and "The Waiter"; Dick Wren, "The Melody," and "My Wife"; Jack Lear, "Hackney with the Houses Took Away" and "Scotch and Poly"; George Hall all there as R. G. Knowles; Alf Sanders, "A Sprig of Shamrock." Sid Phillips recited "The Face Upon the Floor" in perfect style, and others, too numerous to mention, appeared, the band being led by Mr. M. Isaacs.

HENRY J. CARRINGTON, THE secretary of the United "Bro." Club, announces that the first steam launch excursion of the club this season will take place on June 9 (Sunday) up the Thames. Intending friends kindly send in their names or give Harry a call upon the morning of March 3.

"THE KING OF ALL STRONG MEN," John Marx, is now at the Palace Theatre, Aberdeen, drawing big houses and lifting weights which defy Sandow and his contemporaries.

HOXTON BROTHERS.—ALL MEM- bers and friends are invited to attend on March 3 (Sunday). The chair will be occupied by the well-known Hoxtonian, Tom Fogg, so be on the mark when the numbers go up. Apropos, we may mention that the hostelry is the headquarters of the Progressive Rowing Club (River Lea), who are the holders of the Whisky (Dewar) Shield. Go on and prosper, boys.

THE CESTUS BOXING CLUB WILL give an assault-at-arms and open boxing competitions. 10st 8lb, open to all amateurs; 8st, open to all amateurs who have never won an open competition; and 9st 6lb, open to all amateurs who have never won an open competition. Five guines prizes for each weight. To be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, to-day (Wednesday), February 27, 1901.

"SAILOR" RICHARDSON,

A Game and Clever Lad who Met Johnny Thomas at the National Sporting Club, Monday Evening, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

"SAILOR" RICHARDSON was born in Westminster on April 9, 1879, and at the early age of twelve went to sea. He has beaten Jem Cameron, 6rds; Wal Vicary, 3rds; Charley Robson, 2rds; beat Tom Hall, 6rds, again in 7rds; beat "Sailor" Hume, 2rds; won 7st competition at Lambeth School of Arms, defeating in turn Jem Cameron, 3rds, Bill Adams and Tom Hall in the final; beat Dave Locke (of Holborn) in 2rds; beat Tom Dewhirst, 4rds; beat Bill Rose, 1rd; beat Dan Goatley, 3rds; beat Bill Roberts, 2rds; beat Mike Thornton, 6rds; beat Bill Stonelake, 3rds; beat Charley Ives, 6rds, and again in 4rds; beat George Slark, 10rds; beat Jack Edwards, 2rds; beat Bill Pincombe, 1rd; beat Andrew Wood (of Newcastle), 13rds; beaten by Joe Barrett, 10rds; beat Hill Hutchinson twice, in 6rds and 1rd; beat Arthur West, 4rds; beat Albert Wheeler, 2rds; beat Tom Hands three times, twice in 6rds, once in 3rds; beat Alf Cook, 5rds; beat Harry Brodigan, of Manchester, 5rds; beat Drummer Woolcott twice, 5rds and 1rd; beat Charley Thomas, 9rds; beat Jack Pontefract, 2rds; beat George Stanton, 5rds; beat Charley Hicks, 12rds; beat Jem Donovan, 6rds; fought Joe Barrett 20rds draw, November, 1898, in France; beat Joe Barrett, 9rds; beaten, on points, by Jack Maloney, of Clare Market; draw with Dick Davenport, 6rds; draw with Charley Allen, 4rds; draw with Alf Cook, 8rds; beaten, on points, by George Gladding, N.S.C.; beaten, on points, by Bill Stonelake, 6rds; beaten by Jem Williams, 7rds; beat Patsy Walsh, 20rds; beat Private Wheeler, 2rds; met Johnny Thomas, of Leather Lane, at the N.S.C. February 25, and was defeated in 6rds.

JOE BARRETT, OF CLERKENWELL,

Who Met Con Barratt at the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, Monday Evening, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

JOE BARRETT started boxing three years or more ago, when he fought Jack Guyon; beat Bob Mead in 9rds; beaten by Sam Knowles; beat Bill Nixon in 6rds; beat Harry Gebbett in 4rds; beaten by Jack Guyon in 8rds; entered a 7st 6lb competition at the Bermondsey School of Arms; beat Mike Singleton, beaten by Joe Johnson in the final; won a 7st competition, beat Bill Small, beat Dick Davenport, 4rds; won another 7st competition, beat Patsy Walsh, beat Wal Reman; beaten by Patsy Walsh in 6rds; beat Wal Reman three times, 6, 8, and 9rds; beat Taff Davis, of Wood Green, in 3rds; beat Harrison in half a round; beat Jem Preston in 2rds; beaten by Jack Walker; defeated by Sid Scales in a 10rds contest; beat Johnny Thomas, 13rds; met Con Barratt at the Tee-To-Tum Club, February 25, and won in 6rds.

VERY LATE, BUT IN TIME FOR A CURTAIN LECTURE.

He Fell Over the Coal Scuttle and Things in General.

(Subject of Illustration.)

HE had dined not wisely but too well, and his return home was not accomplished without difficulty. The cab was dismissed some distance from the house, and Mr. John Willing made the best of his way with uncertain step to the door of his residence. The first trouble was the keyhole; once inside he cautiously removed his boots before ascending the stairs and crept quietly to bed; but the fates were against him, for on entering the room he fell over the coal scuttle, and several other objects came in his way, and to make matters worse his better half was sitting up prepared to administer the usual rebuke contained in a curtain lecture.

THE BROTHERS THOMSON (TOM AND NEIL).

The Two Sons of "Lachie" Thomson, of Glasgow.

(With Portraits.)

TOM AND NEIL THOMSON, of Glasgow, are the nonpareils of boxers and wrestlers. They made their début with conspicuous success at the Amphitheatre, Johannesburg, and have travelled with their father, "Lachie" Thomson, through South Africa. They are now being received with wonder and enthusiasm in Scotland. They stand respectively: Tom, 3ft 10in; Neil, 3ft 11¼in; and weigh: Tom, 3st 9lb; Neil, 3st 10lb.

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JOE SCOTT,

Of Stoke Newington, who met Bob Dever at the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, Monday, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

JOE SCOTT, ex-amateur, was born in Stoke Newington, December 23, 1878. His first performance was about five years ago, in an 8st novices' competition at the Amberley Social Club, Paddington, defeating Ernie Osborne, of Westbourne Grove; beat Jack Murray, of Paddington; being defeated in the final by Fairchild, of Stratford. Beat George Snooks, St. Paul's Mission Boxing Club, in 6rds; beat Fred Saward, St. Clement's Harriers, in 8rds; fought Fred Saward (6rds), draw; beaten by Ernie Willie, St. Clement's Harriers, 10rds; won Columbia 9st 10lb open competition, won Bradlaugh Boxing Club's 9st 4lb open competition; won Mildmay Athletic Club's 10st open competition; won Highgate Harriers' 9st 8lb open competition; beat Harry Partridge, Gothic Boxing Club, 1½rds; beat Jack Broughton, Columbia Boxing Club, 2rds; beat W. Gill, North London Boxing Club, 3rds; beat Horace Warpole, Mildmay Boxing Club, 1rd; beaten by E. Mann, middle-weight amateur champion 1900; beaten by Harry Jacobs, in the amateur championship, 1900. His début as a professional boxer was touring the provinces with Professor Arthur Callan's boxing saloon, competing against all comers. Since then he has beaten Patsy Canham, of Holloway, in 5rds; beaten by Bill Wood, of Clapton, twice; beat Ray England, of Plaistow, in 1rd; beat Harry Newman, of Holloway, in 2rds. Four months touring the provinces, sparring with Pat Daly, of America; beat Ireston in 1rd.

TOM JAMES,

Who Met Dave Peters at the Prince of Wales Circus, Merthyr, on Monday Evening, February 25.

(With Portrait.)

DURING his career, with varied success, he has met the following men among the heavy-weights. He is twenty-eight years of age, and stands 5ft 11½in in height. His first venture was Sam Thomas, and he lost the battle in five rounds, after which he met and defeated Raymond, of Pontypridd, for £50 a-side and the championship. This led to his being matched with David St. John for £100 and the title, but he lost in four rounds. Again he tried conclusions for another £60, but lost in seven rounds. He beat Norton, of Birmingham, in four rounds, and was beaten by Tom Vincent, of Plymouth. Met Dave Peters at Merthyr, February 25, and was knocked out in the second round.

THE REPTILE CAR BREAKS DOWN.

Snakes Cause a Panic Among the Spectators.

(Subject of Illustration.)

WHILE the circus show was passing through Neath, with its many gilded cars and chariots, the inhabitants came out in their numbers to see the strange and novel sight. In some cages were the animals—lions, tigers, wolves, &c.—while in a large glass car drawn by a pair of cream horses were some large serpents, who wreathed and crawled, raising their hideous heads, seeking a way to escape their captivity. This came sooner than the people expected, for at a turn in the road the glass car came to grief, and, overturning, the reptiles were released through the broken glass windows. Confusion and panic seized the spectators, who, with shouts of fear, hurried from the spot. Within an hour they were all netted, and once more safely placed in their gilded cage.

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EVENTS TO COME.

THE following contests will take place during February and March:—

FEBRUARY 27.—At the Cestus Boxing Club, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, Assault-at-Arms and Open Boxing Competitions.

FEBRUARY 28.—At the Town Hall, Shoreditch, Columbian Boxing Club Competitions

FEBRUARY 28.—At the North London Baths Pentonville Hill, Open Boxing Competitions, Barnsbury Amateur Boxing Club.

MARCH 4.—Wm. Griffiths (Tredegar) v. James Arnold (Brynmawr), £100 and purse, twenty rounds.

MARCH 6.—Kensington Boxing Club Competitions at the Drill Hall, Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush.

MARCH 7.—Annual Competitions of the Mincing Lane Boxing and Athletic Club, James Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W.

MARCH 7.—Competitions of the Mincing Lane Club, at their Headquarters, L.S.R.V., James Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W.

MARCH 7.—At the Drill Hall, Camden Town, 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms Competitions.

MARCH 7.—At the Drill Hall, Camden Town, the Eighth Amateur Boxing Competitions of the 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms.

MARCH 7.—Amateur Boxing Competitions 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms, Drill Hall, High Street, Camden Town.

MARCH 11.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sammy Kelly, of America, v. Will Curley, of Newcastle.

MARCH 11.—Charlie Mannering's Boxing Show, Public Hall, New Brompton.

MARCH 11.—Tee-To-Tum, Stamford Hill—Arthur Gutteridge's Assault-at-Arms, Dave Wallace v. George Slark, for £50.

MARCH 12.—Annual Assault-at-Arms, Polytechnic Boxing Club, 309, Regent Street, W.

MARCH 15.—Arthur Lock's Benefit at The Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington.

MARCH 18.—At Newcastle, Jem Richardson, Honolulu, v. Jack Quinn, Belfast, twenty rounds; Bob Wilkinson, Jarrow, v. S. Johnson, Gateshead, fifteen rounds.

MARCH 21.—Annual Boxing Competitions Belsize Boxing Club.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

10st 7lb (NOVICES') COMPETITION.

THERE WERE TWENTY-FOUR entered for this competition, which took place at headquarters on Thursday. Details.—Ted Knight beat Walter Bowden; Ted Caine beat C. Broadbank; C. Thompson beat J. Brown; Charley Smith beat Bill Cavsnagh; Will Curzon beat Tom Rochford; F. Blackwell beat Joe Wilson; H. Prince beat George Carroll; Charley Pine beat Harold Donovan; A. Fleming beat W. Prescott (Kennington); W. Gale beat W. Percy; Tom Gill beat Harry King; Lionel Hart beat A. Hoskins.

There was another large company present at the N.S.C. on Saturday afternoon to witness the usual weekly entertainment, which consisted of boxing and wrestling. Results: 10st 7lb Novices' Boxing Competition: Second round: Ted Knight (Westminster) beat E. Cain (Harlesden), C. Smith (Canning Town) beat C. Thompson (Bermondsey), W. Curzon (Bloomsbury) beat F. Blackwell (Drury Lane), C. Pine (St. James's) beat H. Prince (Aldgate), W. Gale (Fulham) beat A. Fleming (Lambeth), F. Gill (Paddington) beat Lionel Hart (Aldgate). The finals take place on Monday evening. Four Rounds Contests: Geo. Proctor (Southwark) beat C. Broadbank (Somers Town), George Percy (Marylebone) beat W. Wilson (Islington). Wrestling: W. Clarke (London) beat F. Schultz (America) by two falls to love in the catch-as-catch-can style.

JOHNNY THOMAS BEAT "SAILOR" RICHARDSON.

TED KNIGHT WINS THE COMPETITION.

A CAPITAL PROGRAMME WAS PROVIDED for Monday evening, and although there was nothing among the big stars to attract, the members turned up in force to witness the contest between the two clever bantams, Johnny Thomas, of Leather Lane, and "Sailor" Richardson, of Lambeth. The latter, having the worst of the exchanges, was sent to the boards in the sixth round, and was counted out. The following officiated: Referee, Mr. J. Douglas; judges for competition, Messrs. T. Scott and Hall-Say; timekeeper, Mr. Eugene Corri; M.C., Mr. A. F. Bettinson.

10ST 7LB COMPETITION.

THIRD BOUTS.

TED KNIGHT (Westminster) beat CHARLEY SMITH (Canning Town).

W. CURZON (Bloomsbury) beat C. PINE (St. James's).

W. GALE (Fulham) beat TOM GILL (Paddington).

SEMI-FINALS.

CURZON beat GALE.

Knight sparred a bye.

FINAL.

TED KNIGHT beat TED CURZON.

Knight, though giving a considerable amount away in weight, was much fresher than Curzon after the latter's gruelling bout with Gale, and from the commencement scored well with the left, cleverly avoiding the onslaughts of his opponent, quickly running up a sequence of points in his favour. In the second and third rounds, although Curzon boxed in the gamest manner possible, Knight maintained his advantage and won.

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

"GINGER" OWEN (Bermondsey) beat TOM SNOW (Paddington).

Owen was the taller of the twain, and in some rapid exchanges several times got over his opponent's guard and landed on the face, whilst Snow was busy at the body. Ding-dong exchanges prevailed all through the second round. The next round saw Owen scoring very fast, his superior reach giving a great advantage, though Snow boxed in his usual plucky and determined manner. The last-named fared better in the next round, as he got home heavily on the side of the face and ribs, but Owen would not be denied. Neither relaxed their efforts in the fifth and sixth rounds, during the last of which Owen knocked his man through the ropes, and at the conclusion was returned the winner.

FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

JOHNNY THOMAS beat "SAILOR" RICHARDSON.

Richardson, making the most of his extra height, stood well over his opponent. After sparring cautiously for a few seconds, Thomas was the first to lead off, and landed twice in succession on the face. This brought on some very rapid exchanges, in which each did some execution, Richardson being cautioned by the referee for holding. Both were steadier in their deliveries during the second round, and the pair frequently got in holds, Richardson already beginning to show marks of his opponent's handiwork on the face and neck. Give and take was the order in the third round up to nearly the close, when Richardson nearly went to the boards, and appeared to be somewhat "groggy" when the gong was sounded for them to go to their corners. Thomas was the aggressor in the next round though but little damage was done. Early in the fifth round Thomas delivered a straight punch on the chin, which staggered Richardson a bit. They were again frequently in holds, during which Thomas several times visited the body, Richardson appearing to make little effort to stop him. The sixth round proved to be the last, Thomas again led off on the dial. Richardson landing two swinging hits in return, but there was no force in the Lambeth man's deliveries, and the men again got to close quarters, when they were ordered to break away by the referee. Scrambling exchanges followed, Richardson being sent to the boards by a swinging hit on the neck. He was, however, soon on his feet again, but there appeared but little fight left in him, as he quickly slipped down again, and remaining on the boards above the stipulated time, Thomas was returned the winner. Thomas had for his seconds Jem Brock, Arthur Westley, and Arthur Gutteridge, whilst Jem Williams, Arthur Lock, and Bill Baxter attended to the wants of Richardson.

WILL JAMES GORDON, OF LEITH, late of Newcastle, be so kind as to send his address to Archie Craig, instructor Springfield Athletic Club, and oblige?

GLOVE CONTEST IN SOUTH WALES.

SOME TIME SINCE WILLIAM Griffiths, of New Tredegar, met Owen Rees for the championship of Rwmney Valley, and won in four rounds, MIRROR OF LIFE referee. Since then William Griffiths has been repeatedly challenged, and he has now made a match with James Arnold, of Brynmaur. The following are the articles of agreement:—

This is to certify that William Griffiths, of New Tredegar, and James Arnold, of Brynmaur, agree to box the best of twenty rounds (2min rounds) under Marquis of Queensberry Rules, at catch-weight, on the 4th day of March, 1901. To compete in a hall agreeable to both parties (distance no object) for the best purse offered, winner to take 75 per cent. and the loser the remaining 25 per cent. of the purse. Twenty pounds (£20) is deposited with THE MIRROR OF LIFE, fifteen pounds (£15) on February 11, and the final fifteen pounds (£15) on February 25. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to provide referee, who will also act as timekeeper, and to furnish gloves.

Signed { CHARLEY JAMES (on behalf of William Griffiths), TOM GODWIN (on behalf of James Arnold).

DAVID MORGAN and S. H. WILLIAMS. } Witnesses to the above.

W. Griffiths, of New Tredegar, is training at his old show, the Coach and Horses, Stonebridge Park, under the care of "Jolly Jumbo's" head man, Jem Styles, whilst James Arnold is training at the Hope Inn, Dudley, under the care of Tom Dolan, the once celebrated amateur boxer.

We have received the whole of the money for this match (£100), and the men will contest on Monday evening, March 4, for a £30 purse, making in all £130, at the Drill Hall, Brynmawr, Monmouth, S. Wales.

AMATEUR COMPETITIONS AT Northampton.—About 2,000 persons visited the Corn Exchange early last week to witness the above. Details:—9st 6lb Competition (open to all amateurs, first prize, £5, runner up, £2): C. Wheeler (Northampton and County A.A.C.) beat H. Allibone (Northampton B.S.).—In the second round Wheeler used his right to such advantage that he looked like knocking his man out. Once Allibone went down, but he recovered and finished up far better, although he was well beaten when the third round concluded. E. A. Fearman (London Lynn B.C.) beat A. T. Retwin (Rushden).—The Londoner was all over his man, and administered such punishment that the provincial retired before the first round was over. A. Wilson (Leicester) beat F. Trussler (Northampton and County A.A.C.)—The local man was far the heavier, and soon made use of this advantage, getting his right home on his opponent's face. Wilson was far cleverer with his left. Each round was fought with vigour, and each man received severe punishment. Wilson, who looked like being knocked out, continued to show cleverness and pluck, and when the judges decided in his favour, the public fully agreed with the verdict. Second round: Fearman beat Wheeler.—The opening round started quiet, but Fearman gradually forced matters and had the better of the bout, once knocking his opponent on to his knees. In the second round Fearman was again the aggressor, and using both hands to rare advantage, twice floored his man, eventually knocking him out. Wilson boxed a bye. Final: Fearman beat Wilson.—Fearman, who had reach and length in his favour, after a quiet opening, gradually forced his man to the ropes and twice knocked him off his feet. It was fully expected that the referee would stop the competition, but on coming up for the second round it had only progressed a few seconds before the end came, Fearman having the verdict. 8st 6lb Competition (open to all amateurs; first prize, £5; runner-up, £2.): C. G. Clarke (London Lynn B.C.) beat A. Sheathers (Northampton).—From the outset Clarke showed himself so much superior that there was little doubt as to the result. In the second round the referee stopped the contest. W. Adrian (Northampton C.A.A.C.), a bye; both J. Harper, of Rugby, and A. Wilson, of Leicester, being overweight. Final: Clarke beat Adrian.—Betting was 2 to 1 on Clarke, who set about his man in earnest, and although the round had lasted but one minute and three quarters, the local man was twice down, having to be assisted up on the second occasion. Clarke is one of the smartest boxers seen in Northampton for some time.

BOXING CONTESTS AT BIRMING.ham.—Last Friday a private entertainment of good class was organised by Messrs. Jabez White, Bert Wilcox, and the Brothers Towers. The opening event, a four rounds contest between Owen Moran and Jack Moore, was won handsomely on points by the former. Sam Sorrell and Wal Thomas appeared in a six rounds bout, and some very scientific sparring was witnessed. It was agreed there should be no verdict if they stayed the full allotment of rounds, which they did, and both finished up strongly. Jabez White and Bill Peters had a fast and clever display of two rounds. George Broome beat Frank Escott in a four rounds contest, after a nice spar half-way, but at the finish Broome won easily. In a ten rounds contest, for a silver cup, Bill Phalin beat Jack Fardon. The former soon took a lead, and won well on points.

"GINGER" MALLETT WOULD LIKE to box "Boss" Stevens six or ten rounds, if anyone will give a purse.

BOXING AT WONDERLAND, MONDAY.

RESULTS. — BILL STONELAKE beat F. Delaney; George Cunningham beat Billy Gordon; Joe Anderson beat Ernie Veitch; Charley Tilley beat Arthur Valentine; Joe Warner v. George Dunny; Ted Ware beat Jack Farley; "Jewey" Cooke beat Tom Ireland; Albert Hollings drew with Joe Barrett.

BOXING BY THE SCOTS GUARDS (Friday).—Battalion Competitions (middleweights): Private A. Morby (X Company) beat Sergeant P. McMahon (W Company).—Morby was a cool customer, who kept his head and showed a fine defence. He tired his opponent considerably in the second round, and eventually won comfortably on points. Sergeant Stanbury (U Company) beat Private Reid (Right Flank).—Stanbury's left was very effective, and Reid was glad to cry best ere the first. Private Morby (X Company) beat Private Phillips.—Phillips made no fight of it, and quickly retired. Light-weights: Private J. Dixon (T Company) beat Private J. Small (T Company).—Dixon was very energetic, and sparred all over the ring. Small met his attacks finely in the first round, but Dixon, who was much the shorter, landed frequently on his opponent's face in round 2. After a level third round Dixon was awarded the verdict. W. Bosworth (V Company) beat A. Spencer (Right Flank).—Two lively fellows gave a very comical display, frequently clinching and often hitting aimlessly at thin air. There was more wrestling than boxing, and finally Spencer gave up. Heavy-weights: Private W. McCombie (W Company) beat Private G. Howe (H Company).—McCombie, a burly fellow, somewhat lacked method, but he administered some severe punishment, his opponent retiring in the second round. Drummer Newbold (Right Flank) beat Private McLean (Right Flank), the latter giving up shortly after the start. McCombie beat Frazer.—A very amusing bout. Both were about beaten at the end of the second round, and in the third the men were on the floor together no less than three times. McCombie "gave" his head, but Frazer was too weak to do any damage, and finally McCombie won. The results will be given next week.

SURREY COMMERCIAL DOCKS Assault-at-Arms.—Mr. H. Swaine, S.C.D.A.C., v. Mr. J. Ahern, S.C.D.A.C.; Mr. H. Rogers, R.T.A.C., v. Mr. J. Lynch, R.T.A.C.; Mr. W. Crump, S.C.D.A.C., v. Mr. G. Dampier, S.C.A.D.C.; Mr. R. Romer, G.I.B.C., (winner G.I. Club Com., 1898) v. Mr. W. Upfeld, G.I.B.C.; Mr. E. Henley, capt. R.T.A.C., v. Mr. W. A. McLeod, R.T.A.C.; Mr. R. C. Warnes, Lynn B.C. (middle-weight amateur champion, 1899), v. Mr. A. Warner, Highgate Harriers (winner German Gym. 10st open, 1900); Mr. S. J. Hyam, S.C.D.A.C., v. Mr. J. G. Walker, S.C.D.A.C.; J. G. Evitt, hon. instructor Belsize B.C., v. Mr. J. Iverny, Belsize B.C.; Mr. E. Mann, Lynn B.C. (middle-weight amateur champion, 1900), v. Professor Alf Bowman; M. H. Campbell, S.C.D.A.C., v. Mr. W. Scott, S.C.D.A.C.; Mr. A. F. Scales, G.I.B.C., v. Mr. A. Jacobs, 17th Middlesex S. Arms; Mr. J. G. Evitt, Belsize B.C. and S.C.D.A.C., v. Mr. H. Jacobs; Mr. F. Townsend, G.I.B.C., v. Mr. G. Davis, R.T.A.C.; Mr. H. Rushbridger, Belsize B.C., v. Mr. Squires; Mr. H. Brewer, Poly. B.C., v. Mr. A. E. Bishop, Belsize B.C.; Mr. A. E. Bishop, Belsize B.C., v. Professor Dan Murphy; Mr. W. Nelan, Greenwich A.C., v. Mr. J. Dale, Sayes Court I.B.C.; Mr. W. Dees, G.I.B.C., v. Professor W. J. Lynch. Wrestling. — Mr. W. Dees, G.I.B.C., v. Mr. C. S. Priddle, G.I. Gym. Fencing.—Mr. A. J. Bate, G.I. Gym., v. Mr. Crowcock, G.I. Gym. Weight-Lifting. —Exhibition by Messrs. A. J. Bate and C. S. Priddle, leaders G.I. Gym.

COMPETITIONS AT DEPTFORD.—There was a good attendance at the Lecture Hall, Deptford, last Monday evening, when a full programme of boxing was put on by Arthur Gordon and Jem Littlefield. Details:—Six Rounds Contest: Walter Eyles (Deptford) beat Tom Carter (Canning Town). Six Rounds Contest: Fred Smith (Bermondsey) beat "Ginger" Mallett (Bermondsey). Ten Rounds Contest: Patsey Roach (Deptford) v. J. Woodman (Deptford). Six Rounds Contest: Alf Barnard (Spitalfields) beat Bill Eyles (Deptford). Fifteen Rounds Contest: W. Connolly (Bermondsey) beat Jack Whatton (Poplar).

WILLIE GILL, IN ANSWER TO BEN Taylor and Fred Oakley, will box them as many rounds as they like with 4oz gloves for £25 or £50 a-side, and best purse offered, and Young Mack can be on on the same terms. Gill will box any lad in Lancashire at 7st 2lb, give or take 2lb, for nothing less than £25 a-side. First come first served. No notice will be taken without a deposit, as only business is meant.

J. JACKSON, IN ANSWER TO Dick Ward, is sorry to say his backer has gone abroad, but if any club will give a purse Jackson will box him for it, winner take the lot. Failing him, anybody in Lancashire, Yorkshire, or Cheshire, can be on at the same terms.

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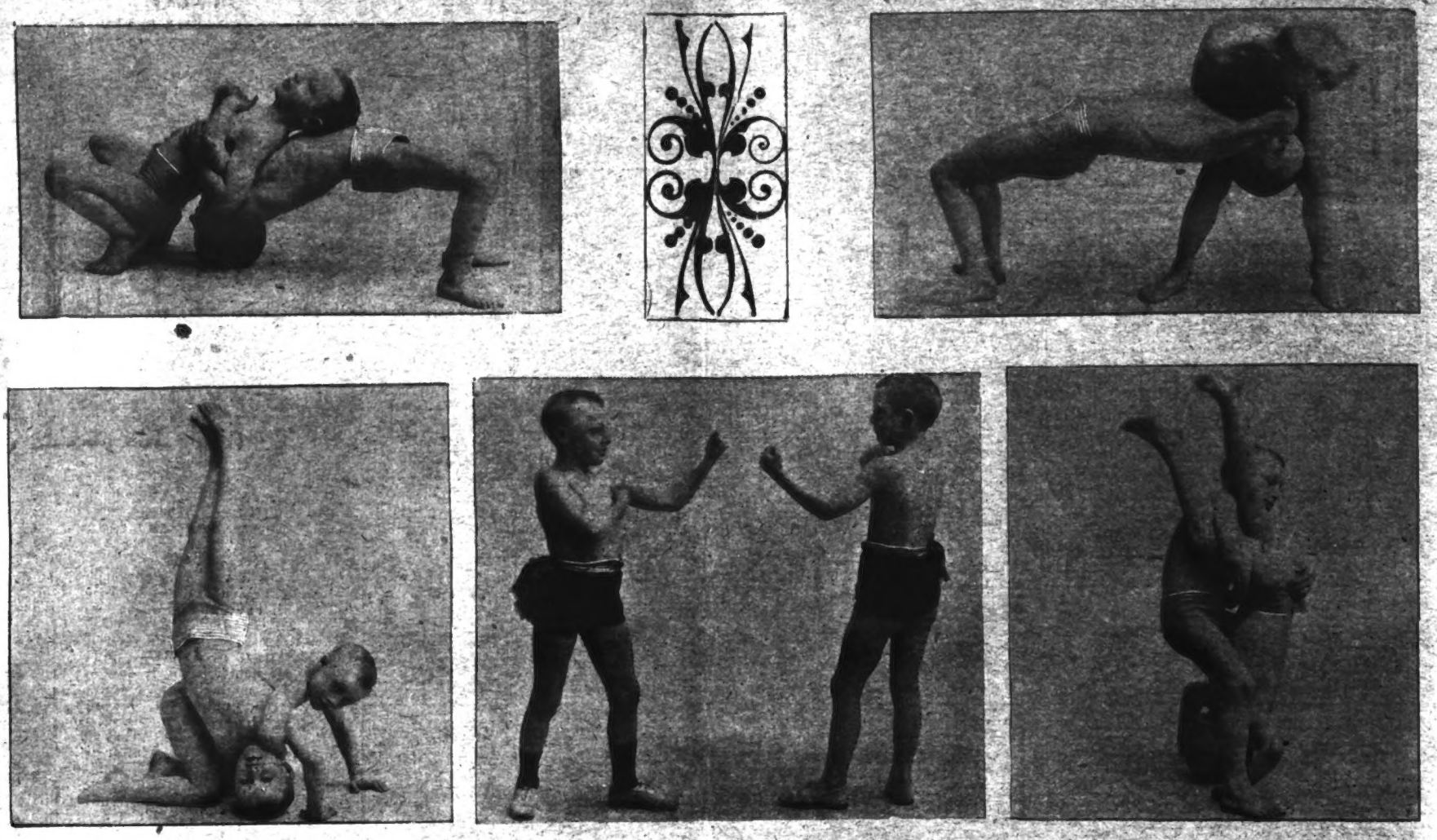
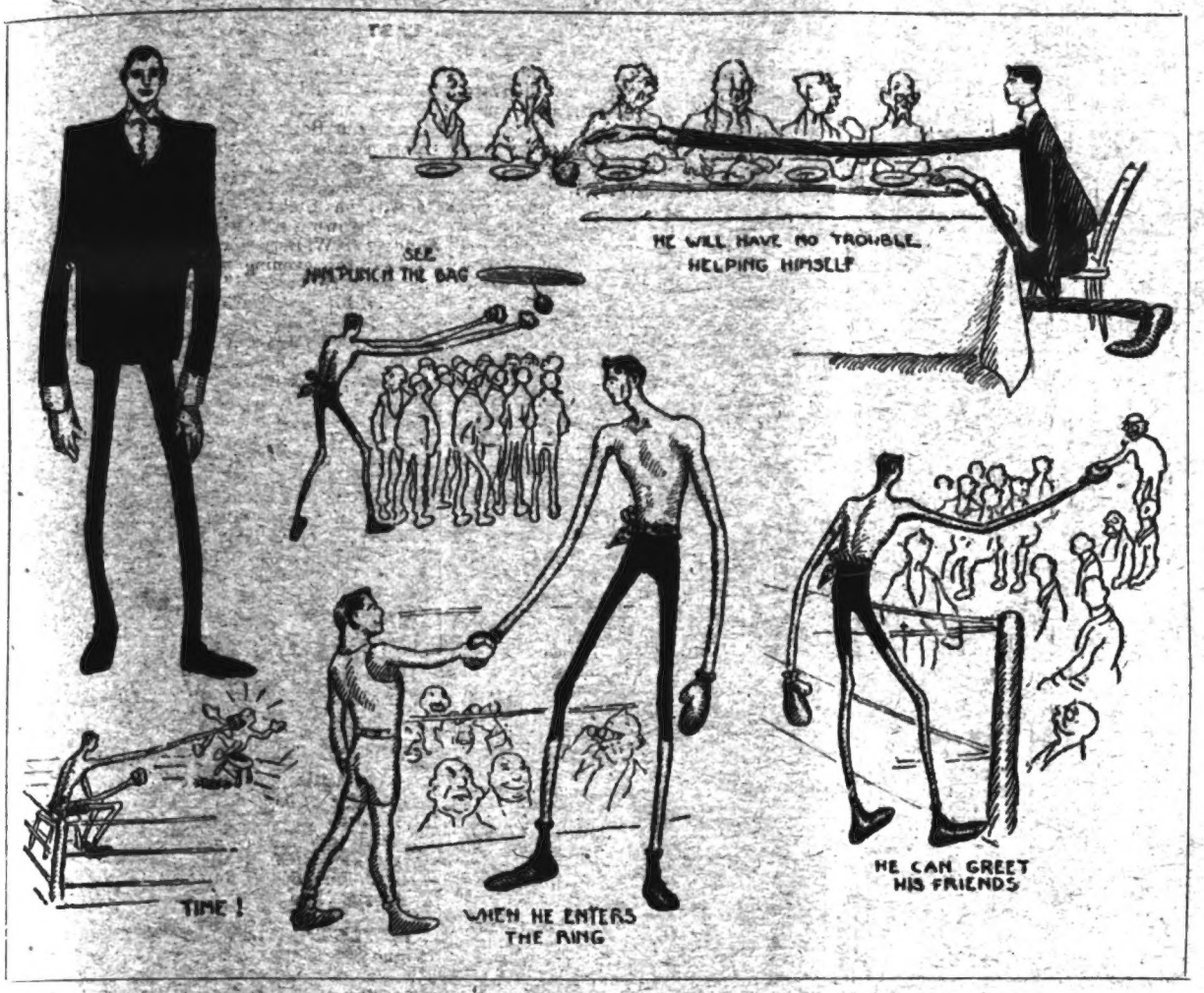


THE BROTHERS THOMSON (TOM AND NEIL),
The Two Sons of Lachie Thomson, of Glasgow.

SERIOUS TERMINATION TO A MILITARY BALLET.
A Stage Spectacle Marred by a Shooting Catastrophe.



HARRY HARRIS

As Seen by Our Artist when he Visited the Chicago Bantam Champion at the Cross Hotel, Kingswinford. Sketched from Life.

WILLIE BAIGRIE,

A 9st Boxer who Hails from Edinburgh.

VERY LATE, BUT IN TIME FOR A CURTAIN LECTURE.

He Fell Over the Coal Scuttle and Things in General.

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BOXING AT NEWCASTLE.

THE HEXHAM HOUSE SALOON, Newcastle, on Saturday evening, was most numerously patronised by spectators, who right through were in a most appreciative mood, the programme being of a most taking character. The exhibition boxing it would be impossible to excel, and this will be readily admitted when we state that the exponents were such experts as "Dido" Vardy and G. Cummings, S. Johnson and Jack Tait, and Dick Johnson and Bob Wilkinson. The 6st 12lb competition commenced last week should then have been concluded, but, owing to one of the lads having injured his hand, and consequently was unable to take his part, the others mutually agreed, in sportsmanlike manner, to have the affair adjourned until Saturday next, and the spectators appreciated their resolve. Then were decided a couple of four rounds contests. The first was between W. Taylor and J. Taylor, both of Gateshead. They were well matched. In the first round they commenced without any hesitancy, striking out together. Then W. Taylor landed a swinging left on the ribs, receiving in reply a right on the jaw. From this point the exchanges seen were of a severe kind, both strenuously endeavouring to out the other. These exertions necessitated a rest, however, and for this they sparred. They got to work again, and some merry punching at close quarters was witnessed. In the second round they both displayed eagerness, and at it they went simultaneously and vigorously, but the round ended in W. Taylor having an advantage at finish. In the third round the same energetic tactics were pursued by both, but "W." again scored the better of the two, and doing the same in the fourth round he gained a cleverly obtained verdict. The final item was a four rounds contest between Young Peter Jackson and W. Parker, the latter of whom made his debut in the ring. He was the taller of the two, but he had a wonderfully game antagonist. In fact they were both plucky, and the result of the four hard rounds was a draw. Sam Francis was referee and Charlie Watts timekeeper.

BOXING AT WONDERLAND —SATURDAY.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT WONDERLAND was Joe Smith's night, and Joe's boxing bill of fare consisted of six six rounds contests and the final for the 9st 8lb champion belt. Details:—Six Rounds Contests: Jack Mack beat Bill Roth; Ted Calder beat "Dummy" Forest; Bill Lewis defeated "Pongo" Davenport; Jack Osborne beat Fred Knight; Bill Perry beat Bill Nicholson; Mike Casey beat Dan Britton. 9st 8lb Championship Belt (Final, Six Rounds): Ted Ware beat Corporal Fairelough.—Round 1. It was very evident that the men were in good fighting trim, and had spared no trouble to get into the best possible condition. Great interest taken in the event. Ware led rather short, and Fairclough got out of danger. A few passes, and they got into holds. This occurred again and again, with a few punches meanwhile of no light nature. Ware fresher at the call of "Time!" Round 2. Ware led off and repeated it. A sharp fight took place, Ware in front and punching harder. Fairclough on the defensive for a little while. Then he cut Ware's lip with a nice dig, and honours easy in the last minute. Round 3. Fairclough led and Ware countered. Ware missed a lunge with the left, and they clinched. One and the other led, and each time steady work with right and left. A good deal of clinching and in holds punching. Round 4. Ware cautious and Fairclough stepped in, and Ware met him with a fine punch. Sharp rally and often embraced. Ware cleverer in dodging and leading. Fairclough half-way through fought well, and commenced to lead off smartly. Round 5. A determined commencement. Fairclough started the business and Ware equal to the emergency. Ware slipped down. Soon up. To the end most exciting, with varying results. Sharp rally and protracted to time. Round 6. Both eager for the fray, and went to work in determined fashion. Ware started it and they clinched. Time after time this occurred, Fairclough clever with his head, ditto Ware. Spectators cheered and surged to and fro. Fighting continued to the bitter end. Ware slipped down near the ropes. Quickly on his feet, and fighting renewed amidst great excitement. Judges disagreed, and the referee ordered an extra round of two minutes. Another exciting contest. Both on the ground. Up and fighting in holds to the end of the round. Another round was ordered, when Ware won. This verdict was entirely against the weight of evidence. Our reporter, who was present among the spectators, says Fairclough won in every round. Matt Palmer, who was one of the judges, gave his vote for Ware, while his fellow judge was undecided. The referee did not exercise his vote.

BOXING AT WELLINGTON BARRACKS.

"THE KING IS DEAD, LONG LIVE the King!" might apply to boxing at the above. Once upon a time Sergeant-Major Fowles, of the 1st Batt. Grenadiers (now a commissioned officer in the Irish Guards), was king at the above; now the M.C. is Quartermaster Addley, and the boxing material the 3rd Batt. Scots Guards. Details:—Catch-weight Competitions: Right Flank Company.—Private E. Taylor beat Private J. Moorcliff. Private R. Read beat Private J. M'Ivor. Privates A. Newbold, T. L. Davies, J. Welby, J. Brennan, J. Copeland, and T. Farrell drew byes. Second series: Newbold beat Davies. Taylor beat Welby. Read beat Brennan. Farrell beat Copeland. Semi-finals: Read beat Farrell. Newbold beat Taylor. S Company.—Private A. M'Neill beat Private J. Lafferty. Privates J. Sheldon, W. Sutherland, J. Howie, A. King, W. Nichols, T. Jones, and G. Elsey drew byes. Second series: Sheldon beat Sutherland. M'Neill beat Howie. King beat Nichols. Elsey beat Jones. T Company.—Semi-finals: Private H. Small beat Private J. Thompson. Corporal Dorey beat Private J. Dixon. U Company.—Sergeant Stanberry beat Private J. Grant. Private Ammess beat Private M'Clarnoon. Private Kenyon beat Private Ryder. Private M'Carthy drew a bye. Second series: M'Carthy beat Kenyon. V Company.—Corporal Aitken beat Private Bosworth. Private Downey beat Sergeant Smith. Private Dale beat Private M'Cutchon. Corporal Barber a bye. W. Company.—Final Bouts: Youngs beat Private H. Brooks. X Company.—Private H. Huggins beat Private R. Adslade. Privates E. Howe, E. Morbey, and J. Norval drew byes. Second Round: Howe beat Huggins. Morbey beat Norval. Left Flank Company: Corporal Sparkes beat Private J. M'Lean. Private D. Frazer beat Private G. Sherret. Private J. Palmer beat Private G. Jardine. Private T. Phillips beat Private P. Lamand. Second series: Frazer beat Sparkes. Drummer Boys' Competitions: Heavy Boys.—Fleming beat Williams. Whitehead, Thompson, and Taunton drew byes. Second series: Whitehead beat Fleming. Thompson beat Taunton. Small Boys: J. O. Clark beat J. Etthall. T. Morris beat A. Fuller. Mr. A. F. Bettinson, Manager of the N.S.C., acted as referee. Finals will be pub ished next week.

BOXING AT PECKHAM. — THE officials were:—Referee and timekeeper, Billy Walker, of Brighton; seconds, Alf Fitzall and Jolly Joe Fielder, while Harry Williams, the promoter, superintended the arrangements, which were well conceived and carried out to the letter. Brief details:—8st Competition:—First series: Tom Griffiths (Blackfriars) beat Toby Meakings (Mortlake). Jack Holt (Shoreditch) beat J. Driscoll (Drury Lane). Final of 7st Competition (Six rounds): Bill Sharp (Walthamstow) beat "Smoky" Bishop,jun.(Deptford).—"Smoky,"although the loser, fought well, and reminded many present of his famous sire, "Smoky," sen. Sharp, on the other hand, is a lad of ability, and will in time be a heavy handful for any one of his weight. 9st Competition.—First series: Harry Tolfree (Birmingham) beat Joe Leonard (Drury Lane). "Jumbo" Plumb sparred a bye with Harry Pearce, of Mortlake. Six Rounds Contest: Sam Eastow (Walworth) beat Fred Langton (Bermondsey).—Langton was the bigger lad, and at once assumed the aggressive, but he met a tartar in Eastow. In rounds five and six Eastow proved his superiority, and won handsomely. Six Rounds Contest: Paddy Byan (Mortlake) v. Jack Townsend (Blackfriars).—Townsend laid down in the first round, and was counted out. Six Rounds Contest: Mark Casey (Bermondsey) beat Bob Goodwin (Bermondsey).—While this contest lasted it proved very exciting, but before the end of the first round Goodwin collapsed. Fred Smith (Bermondsey) v. "Jumbo" Patch (Peckham)—Four Rounds Trial Match.—This was the spar of the evening, and both lads were evenly matched. Smith, who is a marvellous lad, displayed the perfection of science, and Patch likewise. It was indeed well worth witnessing.

"STARLIGHT" BEATS PHILLIPS.—A Good Battle.—"Starlight" and Phillips put up a good battle at the Golden Gate Hall last night. It went as far as the tenth or eleventh round, when Phillips threw up the sponge. Nature would stand it no longer. The black, being the cleverer, scored all the points, but perhaps half a dozen times Phillips sent some good solid punches home, and missed with many vimful-looking ones, which might have caused heavy damage had they got home. "Star's" most effective punches were uppercuts, many of which made a palpable impression on the enemy. There was a good house. Don M'Donald was referee. Reunalf challenged the winner, and M'Coll challenged Reunalf.

IN REPLY TO LOUIS STRINGER, of Glasgow, late of Leeds, challenging any of the Brothers Watson, either Tom or Billy will be only too glad to box him the best of fifteen 3min rounds with 4oz gloves, at 8st 2lb, give or take 2lb, for any money he wants from £5 to £25 a-side.

BOXING AT GIBRALTAR.

ON FEBRUARY 16 A MOST INteresting contest took place at the above. The event of the evening was a boxing contest of six 3min rounds between Private Chandler, Cameron Highlanders, and Stoker Jones, R.N. The fight was a splendid one and most even, first one man and then the other seeming to gain an advantage. In the fourth round Jones went down twice, and the spectators so far forgot themselves as to yell with the excitement of the moment, cheering and calling on their respective champions. It was with difficulty that order was restored, and the referee in the interval had to threaten to clear the place and to finish the contest with closed doors, unless silence was maintained during the rounds. Chandler tried all through for a knock-out, but Jones fought most cleverly and pluckily. At the end of the six rounds there was apparently so little to choose between the two men that an extra round was ordered, when Jones was awarded the contest.

BOXING AT LEICESTER.—THE chief items in Mr. Tom Wickwar's Saturday night's programme at the Mafeking Gymnasium consisted of the preliminary heats of a heavy-weight competition and a six rounds contest between Young "Pedlar" Palmer and Daley. Only five men accepted for the first-named event, but each of the two heats produced boxing of a most spirited character. In the first Parsons and Tomlinson were drawn together, and the pair went about their work in the most determined fashion. The exchanges were exceedingly heavy, and at the close neither could claim an advantage. In the second round Tomlinson forced the boxing, but his blows were well countered. Parsons, however, reached the jaw twice with his left, and early in the last round he knocked his opponent out with a heavy right-hand hit on the body. The second heat between Simpson and Muddin was even more stubbornly contested, Muddin towards the close of the first round all but having his opponent beaten with a swinging right. Simpson, however, regained his footing, and stayed till the finish. Facing each other again, another heavy bout was indulged in, the work at close quarters being very severe. Both had had enough at the end, while in the third round Simpson used his left well, and obtained a lead. The referee, however, ordered an extra round, in which Muddin scored fast with his left towards the close, and received the verdict. Young "Pedlar" Palmer v. A. Daley, for a purse.—These lads, of local repute, contested six two-minute rounds for Mr. Wickwar's purse. Daley stripped heavier than his opponent, and, forcing the work, he got the best of the infighting, although Palmer reached the spot twice with his left. Coming up a second time, Daley at once let go both hands on the head, and Palmer went down. Doing nearly all the aggressive work, Daley added to his lead, but in the two following rounds "Pedlar" improved, using his left with good effect. In the fifth round Daley again forced the boxing, and twice cornered his opponent, while in the concluding bout Palmer went decidedly weak, so that in the end Daley won comfortably. The brothers H. and W. Wilson officiated as referee and timekeeper respectively.

CONTESTS AT BIRMINGHAM.— The first item was a four rounds "go" between an exceedingly smart lad in Owen Moore, who can "do" 7st comfortably, and Johnny Moore, who could give his opponent nearly a stone and a half in weight, and also had a big advantage in height and reach. He was no match, however, for the clever little Owen, who, boxing with great determination and cleverness, beat his man almost pointless. A four rounds show between George Broome and Frank Escott, both of Birmingham, who last year contested twenty rounds at the National Sporting Club, was productive of much hard slogging on the part of both men, but Broome was always the neater and cleverer boxer, and the verdict was scarcely ever in the slightest doubt. An exhibition six rounds between Walter Thomas and Sam Sorrell proved the former to be much the cleverer boxer. Jabez White, in a three rounds exhibition with W. Peters, proved that his enforced idleness from really serious work has not affected his skill. The event of the entertainment was a ten rounds match between W. Phalin and J. Fardon, who boxed for a silver cup given by a few local sportsmen. Phalin had a big advantage in the way of a long reach, and judiciously keeping his opponent at a distance, he scored repeatedly with straight lefts upon the face, and was a very easy winner all through.

T. JAMES AND D. PETERS FOR £50.—Peters knocks out James.—There was an immense crowd in Merthyr Circus last Monday night, when the attraction was a twenty rounds glove contest between Dave Peters, of Treorky, and Thomas James, of Abercarn, for £50 and the gate money, which swelled the sum to £100. The battle was short, being of two rounds only, the second lasting but two minutes. Peters had things all his own way, and in the second round knocked James down and out with a swinging right-hander on the jaw.

BOXING AT WOOLWICH.

LAST SATURDAY EVENING, AT THE Drill Hall, Mr. J. T. Hulls gave a grand night's entertainment. Details:—Six Rounds Contests: Ted Lee beat Angus Griffo, Mike Crawley beat Jack Costello, Jack Walsh beat Arthur Bobbett, Jack Kingsland beat Harry Sanders. Eight Rounds Contests: Bill Wood (Bermondsey) beat Private Tullett (A.S.C.), Jack Calder beat Tom Snow, Jem Sullivan beat Jem Wallace, Peter Brown (Woolwich) beat Corporal Sanders (S.W. Borderers). The advertised bout of the evening was a special three rounds between the "Woolwich Infant" (Ben Taylor) and the ex-champion of the navy, Jerry Driscoll. After Taylor's long sequence of victories over second-class big-'uns it was a treat to see him opposed by a scientific man like Jerry Driscoll, and this being Ben's last appearance prior to his going into training for his forthcoming engagement with Geo. Chrisp, at Newcastle, on April 1, the crowd were on the tip-toe of expectation to see how "the Bo'sun" would acquit himself. It was, of course, only exhibition. As it was each round was heartily appreciated, and at the end the men retired amid a storm of well-earned appreciation.

JEM RICHARDSON, OF HONOLULU, and Jack Quinn, of Belfast, are matched to box twenty rounds. We have received £5 from Richardson as a guarantee that he will appear in the ring on the same evening. A fifteen rounds contest is arranged between Bob Wilkinson, of Jarrow, and S. Johnson, of Gateshead.

JACK QUINN, OF BELFAST, TO JEM Richardson, of Newcastle.—Jack Quinn, of Belfast, has posted a forfeit of £5 at THE MIRROR OF LIFE for his appearance against Jem Richardson on March 18, 1901. Jack Quinn hopes Richardson will cover the above. [Received £5.—ED.]

LITTLE JEMMY HUGHES, OF Wetherly, would be only too pleased to hear from Walter Pots, of Leeds, late of York. Will box any lad in York any number of rounds at 7st 10lb if the West Hartlepool Club will give a suitable purse. As business only is meant an answer through this paper will oblige.

CESTUS BOXING CLUB.—ASSAULT-at-arms and open boxing competitions—10st 8lb (open to all amateurs), 8st (open to all amateurs who have never won an open competition), and 9st 6lb (open to all amateurs who have never won an open competition). Five guinea prizes for each weight. To be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Wednesday, February 27, 1901.

SAM SHELTON, BETTER KNOWN AS "Old Sam," has now become mine host of The Harrow, Bloomfield Street, Hoxton, and would be pleased to see the old faces in his new venture. It can be made into a capital training quarter.

CHRIS McELLIGOTT WOULD BOX "Darkey" Francis or J. Harris at 5st 6lb, give or take 2lb, if Mr. Joe Smith or Harry Wright would give a purse worth boxing for. This challenge is open to any other lad on the same terms. First come first served.

A GENTLEMAN WILL MATCH Harry Pearson, of North Wales, to box any lad in Wales for 7st 6lb championship and a stake for £25 a-side and the best purse offered by Harry Thorne. Failing a match "Sack" Powell can be accommodated on the same terms. Answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will receive attention

JOE FIELDING, OF SALFORD.— Mr. C. Ford, of the Bleeding Heart, Bleeding Heart Yard, wishes to know if Joe Fielding, of Salford, is still in America. If so please communicate as above. American papers please copy.

LANCE-CORPORAL FAIRCLOUGH to Ted Ware.—Lance-Corporal Fairclough wishes to say that he will not box at Wonderland again, as it is not only his opinion, but the opinion of most in the hall, that he should have received the verdict. To prove which is the best man Fairclough will meet Ted Ware for £25 a-side at any other hall but that of Wonderland.

BILL DEXTER, OF NOTTINGHAM, will box Ike Waudby, of Hull, the best of twenty rounds, 2min a round, for £10 up to £25 a-side, at 8st 10lb, give or take 2lb, to weigh at 2 o'clock. A deposit will at once be covered if deposited with THE MIRROR OF LIFE, who will be stakeholders and appoint referee.

HARRY BROWN IS PREPARED TO box Alex. Garrity (Liverpool) at 10st, W. Hough (Bermondsey) at 9st 6lb, or Dan Kelly (Salford) at 9st 8lb, for the best purse, in London, Manchester, or Liverpool. Brown will have a side bet of £25 on the result.

IN ANSWER TO BEN TAYLOR, of St. Helen's, Tom Sweeney will be pleased to meet him again; failing Taylor, he will box Young Clark, of Birkenhead, if any club will offer a purse.

SAMMY KELLY IN TRAINING.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWing letter from Sammy Kelly, of New York, now matched to box Will Curley:—

Kingswinford,
February 23, 1901.

To the Editor, THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

DEAR SIR,—Just a line to let you know we received the parcel and your edition of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, and also numerous letters, and we sincerely thank you for same. Harry Harris and myself are rapidly rounding into shape, and we would not care if we had to go in the ring to-morrow. The weather has been a little unsettled, but the roads are so good that the weather makes but little difference to us. We arise at 7 a.m., take a short walk to Post Office, breakfast at 8 a.m., read the papers until 9.30 a.m., don our sweaters and walk and run nine miles, have a bath, then a vigorous rubbing down with witch hazel and alcohol, then play a game of billiards, and then dinner. After dinner we play a couple of games of cribbage and whist, then another short stroll, then the gymnasium. We throw the medicine ball around for ten minutes, use wrist machine, punch bag, use dumb-bells, and wind up with six fast rounds, then another rub down. We have Albert Hyde, of Birmingham, an amateur champion, and we owe our fine shape a lot to his fine care and advice, and cannot speak too highly of him. After supper we lull around and read Dickens and Conan Doyle's works, then a short stroll and then to bed, and we don't need any rocking to put us to sleep. Hoping this will find you enjoying good health as this leaves us in at present.—I am, yours respectfully,

SAMMY KELLY.

BATTERSEA FOOTBALL CLUB'S Open Competitions.—Details: The first contest on the list was the 8st 8lb bout between Egan and Brittle, being a battle royal throughout, the men fighting like demons. In the competition there were fourteen entries, but three were overweight, one had hurt his hand, and one was objected to as a pro. 8st 8lb Competition: W. Dellaway (B.F.C.) beat W. Butcher (unattached). J. Egan (B.F.C.) beat C. Brittle (M.S.A.).—Egan sent his left home with great force in the stomach time after time, and thus succeeded in gaining the verdict. A. E. Churchill (Greenwich A.C.) beat G. Shepherd (G.F.C.).—Churchill, using both hands with great freedom, won with a lot in hand. F. Townsend (Goldsmiths' Institute) beat W. French (B.F.C.).—After landing for nought time after time he was awarded the verdict. N. Morgan (Kensington B.C.) sparred a bye with W. White (B.F.C.). Second series: Morgan beat Egan.—Morgan, who was conceding some 10lb in weight, boxed like a little demon. Keeping up at a rapid pace he gradually, by the aid of a straight left, took a lead, and at the expiration of time was returned the winner. Townsend beat Churchill.—The latter struggled in a game matter, but Townsend proved too much for him, and secured the verdict. Dellaway sparred a bye with a fellow club mate. Townsend sparred a bye with a member. Morgan beat Dellaway.—It was evident that Morgan had not recovered from his severe bout with Egan, as he did not box with the same dash, but after getting warm he improved, and after a good bout was awarded the verdict. Final Bout: N. Morgan beat F. S. Townsend.—As was expected by the company present, a rattling bout took place. There was little to choose between the pair, and when time was called in the last round some doubt existed as to which would get the award. The judges decided in favour of Morgan. 7st 12lb Open Competition: G. Granger (B.F.C.) beat G. Bird (unattached).—The men boxed fairly well for novices. Granger had the best of the last two rounds, and won with a bit in hand. G. Davis (Trinity A.C.) beat H. Newman (unattached).—The latter had no idea of the game, Davis bringing him down half a dozen times in the first two minutes, when the contest was stopped. F. Watson (Lynn B.C.) drew a bye. Second Series: Watson beat Davis.—A grand bout from start to finish, ending in Watson's favour. Granger sparred a bye with a member. Final Bout: Watson beat Granger.—The Lynn man in the first round did most of the leading, as he did in the next. In the third he had all the best, and won well at the finish. Six Rounds Contest: P. Boyling (B.F.C.) beat J. Leavy (B.F.C.).—This proved a rattling affair, both going for all they were worth, the men boxing all over the ring, and after a most determined battle the verdict went to Boyling. Exhibition boxing by the following took place: W. Dees (heavyweight champion, 1898) and his brother George, being a grand display; R. Warnes v. W. Humphreys (this, like the previous bout, was a splendid affair); Mr. E. Mann v. A. Phillips next followed, and was an excellent set-to.

HARRY SMITH WISHES TO THANK the following for their kindness to him during his long stay in Leeds:—Dan and Patsy Griffin, Mrs. Griffin, Frank Gess, Sam Parker, Mike Flynn, Harry Mansfield, Etty and Mrs. Dawson, also "Cockney" Cohen. Smith will box Soloman at F. Gess's benefit.

ARTHUR LOCK, A MOST DESERVing youth, who made a good fight with Pat Daly, both in Paris and at the National Sporting Club, will take a benefit at The Horns, Kennington, on Friday, March 15.

STOKER F. HENDERSON, H.M.S. Pembroke, will box any lad in Chatham or Rochester at 8st 12lb, if any gentlemen will give a purse. Charley Mannering preferred.

PATSEY HALEY KNOCKED OUT.

(Special Report.)

MANCHESTER, N.H., FEBRUARY 13.—Billy Gardner, of Lowell, brother to George Gardner, who recently defeated the "Coffee Cooler" in England, knocked out Patsey Haley, of Buffalo, N.Y., in the fourteenth round last night before the Queen City Athletic Club. The men were announced to fight fifteen rounds at 125lb. Gardner led off throughout the bout, Haley depending upon his generalship to keep out of Gardner's reach. For nine rounds the exhibition was a pretty one, Gardner's attack being magnificent, while Haley's headwork was brilliant. Haley made considerable use of his left, frequently landing on Gardner's head, but almost always at the cost of a terrific heart blow from Gardner's right. In nearly every round the Lowell boy found Haley's wind with a terrific left uppercut, and these body blows eventually shook the plucky New Yorker to pieces. The tenth round was decisive, Haley going to the floor and against the ropes, barely saving himself in his quickness of foot. Each of the next three rounds ended with Haley on the point of collapse, either dodging or forced against the post in his corner. He fought pluckily, and even brilliantly, trying hard to stay out the limit, but a couple of head blows in rapid succession sent him down for good. The bout was refereed by Owen Kenney, of this city.

BOXING AT LIVERPOOL.—AT THE Liverpool Gymnastic Club, Dale Street, last Thursday evening three events were crowded into the programme—two contests of fifteen rounds each and one of twelve rounds. It is needless to say that the holding capacity of the "gym." was tested to its utmost. The most important item of the trio was the fifteen rounds contest with 4oz gloves, for £20 and a £15 purse, between Jem Gordon, of Bolton, and Frank Stewart (late of Manchester). Next in order of precedence was the fifteen rounds, for £20 and a £10 purse, between Pat Gibbons, of Manchester, and Frank Mosedale, of Bury, whilst Billy Shields and Jem M'Coy boxed the best of twelve rounds for a £5 purse. The last named were the first to enter the arena, but little need be said about them. Being two novices they boxed wildly, and in quite a Quixotic fashion. M'Coy at the opening round was strong and very impetuous, but Shields with a straight left steadied him, and won after a slogging mill, before half the fourth round was finished. Alf Harvey and Harry Brown boxed three rounds in merry style, after which Mosedale and Gibbons entered the ring. No time was lost by either of the contestants. Mosedale from the first had the best of matters, and when about half-way through the fifth round brought his opponent down by a flush left-hander on the face, and he was counted out. Jem Gordon and Frank Stewart had a strong following. Stewart had a decided advantage in height and reach. The men boxed the full number of fifteen two-minute rounds. The first round was somewhat tame, but matters improved as the contest progressed, both lads sticking to their work like Trojans. First one and then the other would gain a little advanage, but about half-way through Gordon had established an excellent lead. Through the undoubted weakness of both men, however, neither could administer a coup. At the close of the fifteenth round Mr. Tom Gamble gave his fiat in favour of Gordon, a verdict that was accepted with loud cheers.

A JEW WHO WORKS.—IT HAS often been said that a Jew never works. Harry Solomons, one of the best featherweights of a couple of decades ago, mine host of the Swedish Flag, St. George's-in-the-East, is an exception to this rule. Harry's dog shows are becoming famous amongst fanciers. On Sunday evenings some of the most celebrated animals in the business class compete for prizes. But in addition to this Harry is now working on the Post-office telephone digging, delving, and barrow-pushing. Harry says the open-air work suits him. Solomon is not the only boxer at this game, we could mention a dozen; and as the pay is 8s 3d a day of thirteen hours, it would be good if the whole of the boxing brigade bent their backs at this price to a bit of "hard graft."

BARNSBURY B.C. WILL GIVE A boxing entertainment to-morrow (Thursday), February 28. Two amateur competitions (8st 4lb and 9st), also a professional contest between Bill Lampshire, of Islington, and Bill Stonelake, of Clerkenwell. Patsey Maloney, champion Pacific Coast, and Jack Connell will set to.

BOXING. **The Knock-out Blow and how to avoid it.** Novices and advance boxers receive personal tuition and practice from Prof. Newton, light-weight champion 1888-1890, who taught and trained thirty winners of open competitions. Boxing classes are now in full swing; also private lessons given daily. Every requisite appertaining to the comfort of the pupils, including shampooing, shower-baths, &c. Full particulars, apply to—**Professor Andrew J. Newton**, North London School of Arms and Physical Culture, 55, Barnsbury Road, N. (Central to Angel and King's Cross).

"POP'S" SHOW AT THE TEE-TO-TUM.

SUCCESS OF JOE BARRETT, LEEPER, SCOTT, AND BROWN.

"POP" HAD THE PLEASURE LAST evening of entertaining a fairly numerous company at the Tee-To-Tum, Stamford Hill. He presented to his patrons a very fine programme. The management was all that could be desired. The promoter needs no introduction, his popularity extending over many years. Racing men at Newmarket have been entertained times out of number with boxing displays organised by "Pop," who set an example that the modern-day fistic caterers have profited by. The following officiated:—Referee, Mr. C. Godtschalk; timekeeper, Mr. Alf De Costa; Mr. George Kemp, a capital M.C.; seconds, "Toff" Wall and Tom Pop. Details:—

TEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

JOE BARRETT beat CON BARRATT.

Quick and clever were the men in every round, which was fought with characteristic determination. Opportunities were made the best possible use of, and after an exciting passage of arms the end came with a rousing cheer. Good straight leading and sharp countering throughout. Rallies very frequent, and fighting to the ropes constant. The company keenly appreciated the efforts of the combatants, and were not slow in recognising merit. A fierce fight all the time.

TEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

ALF LEEPER beat "JUMBO" KING.

After a calm survey of each other the rivals set to work left and right, and created a favourable impression. Interest was heightened with the commendable exertions of the principals, who spared no effort to effect a knock-out. Directly time was called the boxers took the centre, and commenced a furious attack right and left. Round after round furnished ample return for the attentive consideration of the public, and the climax was received with an outburst of cheering.

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

JOE SCOTT beat IRETON.

No time cut to waste in sparring for an opening. In turn the lead was taken with varying results, and smart, straight deliveries effected the desired mischief. The boxing continued hot and strong from start to finish, and the men accounted for their presence in a way that commended itself to the assembled crowd. A few light passes and the competitors got together with force and precision. There was no lack of hard hitting on either's part, and spirited work continued with few intervals of easing up for a breather. It was a savage fight all over the ring, Scott the better man. He nearly put Ireton out.

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

BROWN beat HUTCHINSON.

This was a clever display, in which both showed plenty of pluck, and hard hitting was the order all through. There was very little to choose between them, but early Brown had scored and gained the award.

THE MAFEKING GYMNASIUM, LEIcester.—The chief event at the Mafeking Gymnasium on Tuesday night was a twelve 3min rounds contest between J. Baxter, of Belgrave, and George Jackson, of Leicester, for £10 a-side and Tom Wickwar's purse, but the affair was a fiasco, such as tends to bring the game into dispute. Jackson, in the first round, steadied his opponent with a good left, while the Belgrave man came up a second time to be immediately counted out. An exceedingly interesting display of boxing was seen in the preliminary heats of a 9st competition, together with an eight rounds contest between Jack Orton, of Leicester, and Harry Munro, of London. In the seventh round, Munro comfortably established a good lead, but Orton came again in the final bout, frequently got home on the face, and with a couple of heavy right-handed hits, put matters about square. Still fighting rapidly, the local lad held his own, and a draw was the referee's decision at the finish. 9st Competition—Heat 1: Linney Leak beat Raynes. Heat 2: Matthews beat Young Hughes. Heat 3: W. Eaton beat W. Burbage. Heat 4: Darkie Moore beat Hercock. Heat 5: Knight beat J. Greaves.

HARRY SLOUGH v. HANCOCK.—Slough writes: I am finishing my preparation at a South London hostelry, under care of Geo. Cooper, who prepared Fred Morris ("Cyclone") for his battle with "Starlight" at the Excelsior Baths some two years back. I have plenty of assistance from Mr. Fred Watson (Lynn B.C.) and Mr. James Read (Poly. B.C.), who spar with me. Mr. Watson, I am pleased to say, carried off a 7st 12lb competition at the Latchmere Baths on Monday night. Tom Wickwar returns his thanks to you. I shall call to see you on Tuesday before I leave for Leicester.

"PUNCH" VAUGHAN, IN ANSWER to Dick Ward, of Manchester, will box him twelve or fifteen rounds for £50 or £100 a-side. A deposit left at THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be covered at once, and will meet him any day at 153, Duke Street to sign articles.

O'BRIEN v. HARRY SMITH.

THIS CONTEST TOOK PLACE AT Ginnett's Circus on Monday evening, when O'Brien won in four rounds. Round 1. Jack was the first to enter the ring, having for seconds Tommy Murphy, Darkey Carpenter, and Jack Palmer; while Sam Smith, George Campbell, and Bob O'Neill attended to the requirements of the other competitor. As they advanced to the centre of the ring Smith's advantage in height was apparent. Without hesitation the American drove his left on the mouth and reached the cheek with a right-hander, which staggered his rival. Rapid work at long range ensued, and Jack, who adopted the style so familiar with his countrymen, nearly always outdistanced his rival by slightly retreating. Smith was slow compared with his opponent, who banged away freely on the face and body. He took a commanding lead, and finding that Smith could do no damage the foreigner eased. Some spectators took exception to this good naturedness. O'Brien, after allowing his antagonist to get close in, feinting and drawing the Midlander, shot the left hard on the body, and with a right sent the latter flying to the ropes. Smith persevered, but he was palpably outclassed. Round 2. Just before rising the Philadelphian inquired of his seconds if it was necessary to knock out his opponent, and the reply was in the affirmative. Taking matters steadily, Jack fibbed about with eight lefts before sending in a nasty prod on the ribs. This was repeated directly afterwards, and Harry crouched under the blows. After a short rally, in which the Brum held his own, he met a smashing hit on the nose, which split that part of his anatomy. Jack continued to outpoint his man, and later contented himself by avoiding a few leads which were aimed at him. Round 3. This opened by Smith rushing to close quarters, and twice they were called upon to break away. The last mentioned then swung the right viciously, but it passed over his antagonist's head. Jack after some defensive work renewed the attack, and visited the ribs four times in quick succession; the Midlander was sent down, and on rising had all the worst of the exchanges. Round 4, and last. O'Brien dabbed the left on the nose a couple of times, and then cleverly feinted at his man. Smith fell into the trap nicely, for, as he made a dash, the American stepped back to avoid the blow, and then, returning quickly, he crossed the Englishman dexterously on the side of the chin. The blow was very effective, and Smith, who previously was well used up, now staggered all over the ring. O'Brien acted in a creditable manner, and showed his rival a lot of mercy. The chance of Smith was hopeless, and the referee stopped the bout and declared the American the winner, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

KENSINGTON B.C.—This club, situated at Notting Hill, had a private display on Wednesday evening at the Drill Hall, Shepherd's Bush. The two Smiths, Nat, the instructor, and Harry, the novice, together with their relative, the tonsorial Harvey, are almost the head, front, and understanding of this club, which takes high honours in the boxing line. Details:—Three Rounds Exhibition: Nat Smith (instructor) v. R. Martin (K.B.C.). Three Rounds Exhibition: Professor Harry Clark v. T. Millett (K.B.C.). 8st Club Novices' Competition: G. Staples beat W. Fox; C. Wilkins beat W. F. Watson; C. Johnson a bye. Semi-final: Johnson beat Wilkins; G. Staples a bye. Final: G. Staples beat C. Johnson.—Staples made good use of the ring, and boxed pluckily, having none the worse of the rallies in the first round. In the second Staples gave Johnson a deal of trouble. Johnson hit harder and forced the exchanges. Staples often scored well with the left hand, and played a good part in the rallies. Third round few thought Staples would see, but he came up gallant and fought his man hard and fast, forcing it throughout. After a very good competition Staples won. Six Rounds Contest: Harry Smith beat A. Godalming. Six Rounds Contest: G. Berkeley beat Ben Martin.—Neither man flinched or shirked his responsibility, and after an exciting round, Berkeley beat Martin in a minute and a half. Six Rounds Contest: C. Williams beat H. Ibem.—The contest was severely fought round after round, and Williams won. Six Rounds Contest: R. Burge beat W. Thomas.—A very game and exciting finish, both severely dealt with, and a splendid contest resulted in a verdict for Burge.

J. SMITH, OF GATESHEAD, TO BILL or Ned Cumberland, of Felling.—J. Smith would be pleased to box the above any number of rounds at catch-weight, three-minute rounds, if any gentleman in the North will give a suitable purse worth boxing for.

DICK WARD, OF MANCHESTER, will box any man in Lancashire—Jackson, Morgan, H. Thorne, Corlette, or "Punch" Vaughan—for the best purse offered for £25 or £50 a-side.

DICK WARD, OF MANCHESTER, will box Ben Taylor, of Woolwich, fifteen or twenty rounds, if any club or gentleman will give a good purse, for the heavy-weight championship of the north.

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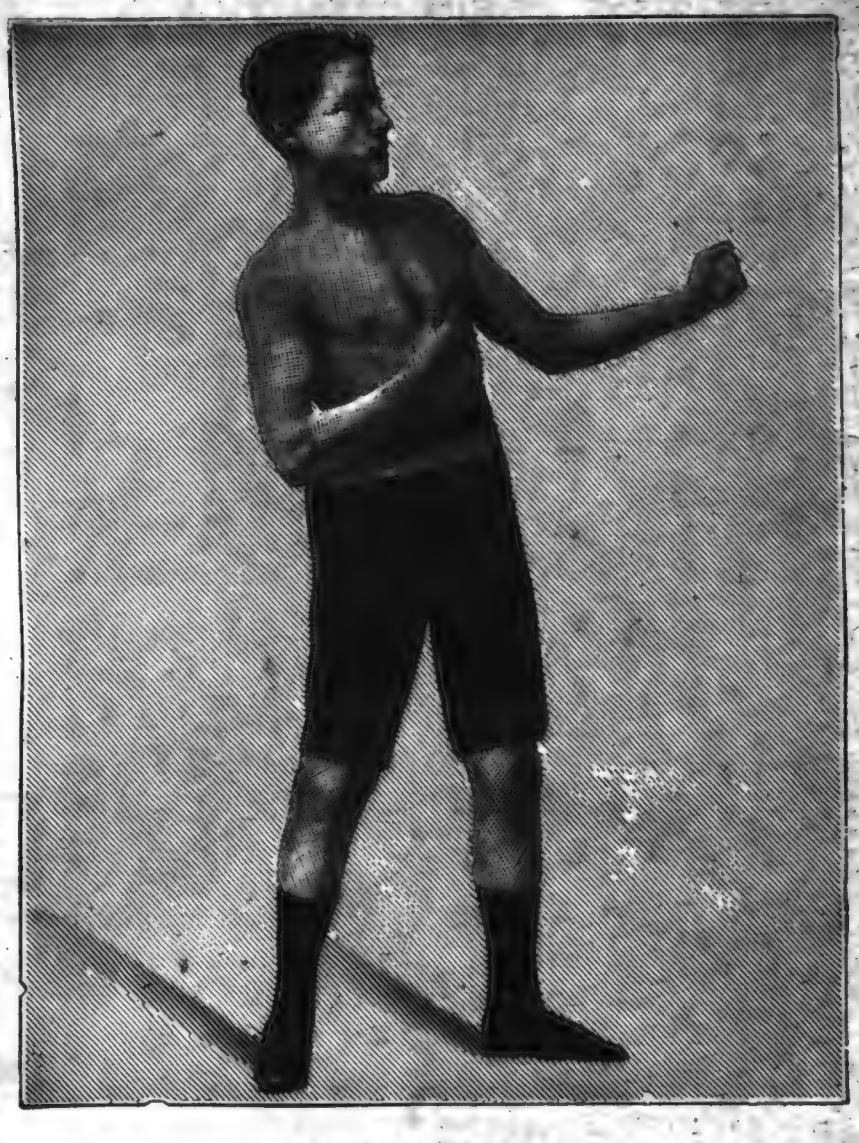
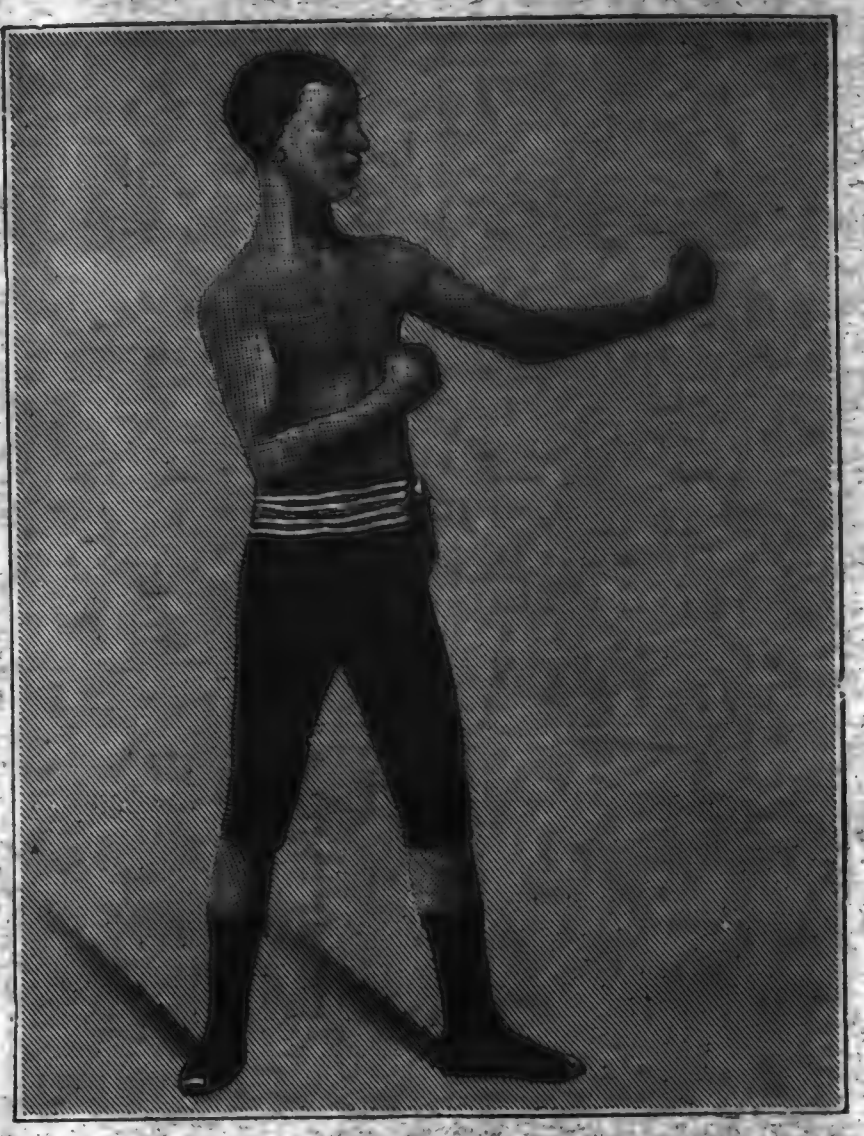


JOHNNY THOMAS,

Of Leather Lane, who Met "Sailor" Richardson at the National Sporting Club, Monday Evening, February 25.



"SAILOR" RICHARDSON,

A Game and Clever Lad, who Met Johnny Thomas at the National Sporting Club, Monday Evening, February 25.

THE AMATEUR THEATRICALS WERE TOO REALISTIC.

A Jealous Husband Stopped the Play.

THE REPTILE CAR BREAKS DOWN.

Snakes Cause a Panic Among the Spectators.

JACK HIBBERD,

A Noted Pedestrian, who has Made World's Records on the Path for Long Distances.

BERT REEVES,

A Pedestrian who has Walked with Success Over Several Distances, and has Beaten Many Good Men.

JOE SCOTT,

Of Stoke Newington, who Met Bob Dever at the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, Monday, February 25.

LYNCHING TWO OF THE MURDER GANG.

Captured After a Struggle, they are Hung Side by Side.

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BOXING AT HONG KONG.

THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONship of China.—The elite of the Army and Navy assembled early in January at the City Hall, Hong Kong, to witness one of the stiffest fights the colony has yet seen. The aspirants to the honour of champion were Joe Riley, of America, and Gunner Roger Mustoe, of H.M.S. Barfleur, both of whom had previously fought and won in presence of Hong Kong assemblies. The articles stated that the fight was to be of twenty 2min rounds duration for the heavy-weight championship of the Far East and a purse of 500dols, with 200dols side stakes. The Marquis of Queensberry rules were to be observed, and the referee's decision would be final. Riley appeared in the pink of condition. If anything he was taller than his opponent, and seemed to have the advantage in weight. Mustoe was firm as a rock and muscular as a Sandow. He also was in perfect training, and what was wanting in weight seemed amply made up for in sinew. The fight commenced. Riley tried to flurry his rival by sand-dancing tactics, but failed. The first round was uneventful, and it appeared that the men were evenly matched. Riley forced a bit in the second round, but Mustoe secured the best of the exchanges to the delight of his backers. In the third round the Britisher succeeded in felling Riley close to the rope by a tremendous blow on the back of the neck, a performance which was greeted with loud cheers. According to the rules he had to stand back till his opponent regained his feet. Riley, with only a few seconds to spare, got up, but suffered rather heavily. Mustoe put in some terrific right-handed blows on Riley's ribs. The fourth round was very spirited, but Mustoe again grounded his adversary with another sledge-hammer blow on the back of the neck which sent him twisting and reeling. Riley got up and retaliated by administering one or two on Mustoe's face. Both men clinched, and Mustoe, immediately after the break-off, punched Riley on the side of the head. A foul was claimed, but the referee contented himself by severely admonishing Mustoe, and warning him that a repetition would end the fight against him. Both men appeared distressed in the fifth and sixth rounds, Mustoe especially hanging back. The seventh round opened briskly, Mustoe giving his opponent a resounding face-blow without waiting for the usual feinting. Riley got nettled, and clinched. On the break-off he was warned for a similar offence to Mustoe's, and the warning had barely escaped the referee's lips when the men clinched again and the foul was repeated, this time Riley giving Mustoe two smart taps on the face. The referee then declared Mustoe winner. Vehement protests were made by Riley's friends, but the referee stuck to his decision, which was the only possible one under the circumstances.

F. PENNELL DEFEATS A. E. HOBson.—This contest, which drew a splendid public gathering, was decided a few evenings ago at the Eastleigh Club. Pennell, the Eastleigh wonder, defeating Hobson after a most exciting contest. From the very commencement the Eastleigh member seemed to be the favourite, and it was in the first round that the Eastleigh member gave his first knock-down blow amid loud applause. The second round, however, was much more of an even nature, and it must be admitted that Hobson held the upper hand of the Eastleigh wonder, although the Eastleigh man proved himself strong in his defensive work, which was impregnable. The third round opened much brisker, and it was at once seen that the Eastleigh member was settling down to his tricky work. Time after time did he put home well-directed blows, but was extremely unfortunate in being unable to put Hobson out, for he had narrow escapes on several occasions. In the fourth round the Eastleigh candidate began to force the pace, and immediately placed Hobson low, after a tricky piece of work. However, this had not the desired effect, and matters continued to be very exciting up till the opening of the next round, by which time Hobson looked thoroughly worn out. The fifth round also opened smartly, and Pennell finding Hobson was fatigued, made the pace as hot as possible, and tried hard to do the needed, but without success. The Eastleigh member had not long to wait, however, for scarcely had the sixth round opened than Hobson was put low with a splendid shoulder delivery, which proved the successful blow. It has reached the club authorities ears that several of the club supporters have lately been offering money to our members with a view to their losing matches allotted them, and we have to earnestly request such supporters to kindly refrain from so doing, as it only means injury to the club. Any supporter found discussing with members with this intention will be immediately expelled from the club. Betting is strictly prohibited.

BILL STONELAKE'S 8ST 6LB Championship Belt.—This valuable gold and silver belt is on view at Mr. Frank Wright's, Queen Victoria, Skinner Street, Clerkenwell, E C., where Stonelake will be pleased to meet old and new friends.

MANSIONS SCHOOL OF ARMS.—Last Monday evening, Steve Mack, encouraged by the success of his opening show at the above new school of arms in Lisson Street, Edgware Road (immediately in the rear of the Metropolitan Railway Station), gave another display under the same good management that characterised Steve's previous efforts, the whole entertainment being carried out in the best of West-end style. Unfortunately, owing to unforeseen circumstances over which the promoter had no control, the attendance was not a great one, but better luck next time Steve, for you deserve it. Officials:—M.C.'s, Pat Grady and George Russell; timekeeper, Bill Slater (the old ped); judges, Jem Fox and Harry Clark; referee, Harry Greenfield. Details:—Proceedings opened with a lively spar between Sam Thorp (Marylebone) and Mike Singleton (Marylebone). Other exhibitions followed between some of the best known men of the west and north-western district. 8st 6lb Open Competition: H. Cosham (Marylebone) beat A. Waters (St. John's Wood).—The winner was taller and stronger than his little game opponent who suffered defeat. "Ginger" Walters (Paddington) beat Charley Appleby (West Ham).—A real good pair of game lads, Walters in particular being exceptionally smart, and scoring freely, won well. W. Keen (Woolwich) beat J. Kempster (Hoxton).—This was a most determined set-to whilst it lasted, but before the first round was over the Woolwich lad had well won. Second series: Walters beat Cosham.—Another real good set-to, but once more hard hitting and science asserted itself, and Cosham was out of the competition before the second round was over. W. Keen a bye, sparred with M'Kenzie (Marylebone). Final bout: Keen beat Walters.—Capital! Two rounds, and the Woolwich lad had well won, Walters being out.

THE CROYDON ATHLETIC CLUB.—At Church Street, Croydon, on Wednesday evening. A most useful lad is "Jumbo" Smith, of Mitcham, who defeated Bill Horn, of Deptford. Details:—Ten Rounds Contest: Bill Cole (Peckham) beat Fred Farrows (Croydon).—Doing most of the leading, the Peckham lad continued to improve his position in each of the succeeding meetings, which were well contested, and when the end was reached he won comfortably. Ten Rounds Contest: "Jumbo" Smith (Mitcham) beat Bill Horn (Deptford).—A hard punch on the jaw, settled the last mentioned, and Smith gained a popular victory. Eight Rounds Contest: George Streeter (Croydon) v. Walter Boynes (Peckham).—Half-way through the sixth round the Peckham representative was sent down with considerable force. On rising he made the pace very warm, and the close was brimful of excitement. At the close a draw was declared. Eight Rounds Contest: Alf Francis (Croydon) beat H. Grant (Merton).—The fifth round was all in favour of Francis, and after flooring his opponent the bout was stopped in favour of the Croydon lad.

A. DRUMMOND, HAVING HEARD that T. Adams, of Chatham, would like to box anybody in the Navy, A. Drummond will meet him for ten or fifteen two-minute rounds if any gentleman will give a purse, Mr. Mannering preferred.

THE AMATEUR THEATRICALS WERE TOO REALISTIC.

A Jealous Husband Stopped the Play.

(*Subject of Illustration.*)

A LITTLE social gathering of friends and amateur theatricals led to a scene and family discord. In splendid dresses and costumes the actors and actresses posed before their friends in the play of "Kenilworth," and every one of the spectators were loud in their praises of the acting of the friends. The star, a married lady, played the part of Amy Robsart, but when she fell into the arms of her lover, Lord Dudley, Earl of Leicester, the husband sprang to his feet and declined to allow the acting to continue. It was much too realistic for that gentleman's taste, and he declined to allow his wife to be even kissed, as they do it on the stage, for appearances only.

DAVE PETERS,

Who Met Tom James at the Prince of Wales Circus, Merthyr, on Monday Evening, February 25.

(*With Portrait.*)

AGE twenty-four, height 5ft 10in. Dave Peters has been before the public since April, 1899. His first contest of note was a fifty-seven rounds draw with Sam Cavill, but later, with the gloves, beat him in 15rds. At their third meeting he again displayed superiority, and won in one round. Beat Bert Firmin in 6rds, also in 3rds; beat Jack Walsh, Bill Shaw; beat Dick Jordan in 3rds; met Harry Neumier at the Aldgate Baths on February 18, and was defeated in 15rds; met Tom James at the Prince of Wales Circus, Merthyr, and won in 2rds.

CAPTURED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.

Secured Easily in the Coalhole.

(*Subject of Illustration.*)

AN easy capture of a young thief was made last week by a domestic in service at Highbury. On hearing strange sounds in the cellar she went in to ascertain the cause, and to her astonishment found a youth taking his departure through the aperture where the coals are delivered. Losing no time, she deposited the lamp which she carried on a tub, and, grasping the feet which still dangled above, loudly screamed for assistance. This was soon forthcoming, and the guilty culprit, with a few stolen articles, was kindly assisted into captivity, where for the next six months he will ruminate upon his unfortunate attempt to successfully burgle through the coalhole.

WILLIE BAIGRIE.

A 9st Boxer who Hails from Edinburgh.

(*With Portrait.*)

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(*Subject of Illustration.*)

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THE SALAMBOS ARE IN TOWN again, and may be seen at the Metropolitan with their marvellous electrical show.

WELSH MILLER, A MARVELLOUS coin and card manipulator, is at the Euston Theatre of Varieties this week.

MR. JACK DE FREECE HAS A capital company at the London Shoreditch. Amongst the many first-rate turns mention must be made of the Imperial Bioscope, which shows some first-rate pictures.

THE TURN CONTRIBUTED BY the Great Everhart at the Tivoli is vociferously received; his manipulation of many hoops is marvellous, and nothing like it has been seen before.

SPADONI, THE CLEVER JUGGLER, who made his first appearance in England at the Alhambra two years ago, has been travelling on the Continent. He returns to the Alhambra in April.

MISS CARRIE SCOTT AND HER quaint pocket Piccaninny are prime favourites at the Canterbury. They have just finished a successful pantomime engagement.

MR. CHARLES FROHMAN HAS done well to revive Anthony Hope's charming play, "The Adventures of Lady Ursula," at the Duke of York's, where it is drawing crowds.

ANIMATED PICTURES ARE AN almost recognised item in the programme at a variety hall; some are better than others, but those now showing at the Alhambra are the best I have yet seen, and are as nearly free from wobble and unsteadiness as I should imagine it were possible to get. I have seen pictures of such a jumpy and jerky nature that one unconsciously clutched one's seat whilst viewing them.

THE GOTHAM QUARTETTE'S NEW sketch at the London Pavilion has turned out a huge success, as I predicted, and will no doubt prove a big attraction for a considerable time to come. Amongst other new and excellent turns may be mentioned "The Gambler's Dream," a clever illusion exploited by Carl Hertz, and one that proves as mystifying as any of its predecessors.

THE POPULAR SPANISH ARTISTE, "La Belle Tortajada," is returning to the Alhambra early in May, when she will produce an operetta entitled "Contrabandista," the action of which takes place in Spain outside the Spanish bull ring, the story being told in three short scenes. A specially-selected chorus has been engaged to support this artiste in the musical portion of the production, which is the work of Ramon Tortajada.

AT THE PARAGON JOE ELVIN AND Company, in the uproariously funny sketch "Over the Sticks," Miss Vesta Victoria, Clark and Hamilton, in their comedy duologue, the quaint Irish songs of Michael Nolan, Will Dalton, Colby and Way, and Miss Florence Esdaile are some of the turns awakening considerable enthusiasm this week.

MR. FRED HARRIS SPARES HIMself no exertion to please his many appreciative patrons, and the usual capital programme is to be found this week at the Queen's, Poplar. Jake Friedman continues here; the Phantos, in their "goblin gambols," contribute a novel show; Miss Daisy James sings with that art which always distinguishes her performances; Edwin Barwick gains applause for songs which he humorously treats; the songs of Miss Nelly Bawn keep the audience in good spirits, and many other clever items are included. The programme is also further strengthened by the addition of a sketch entitled "The Irony of Fate," of absorbing interest and well realised by John Jackson and his associates; a pleasing contrast is found in a screamingly funny sketch by John Holland and Co., entitled, "New Milk for Breakfast."

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